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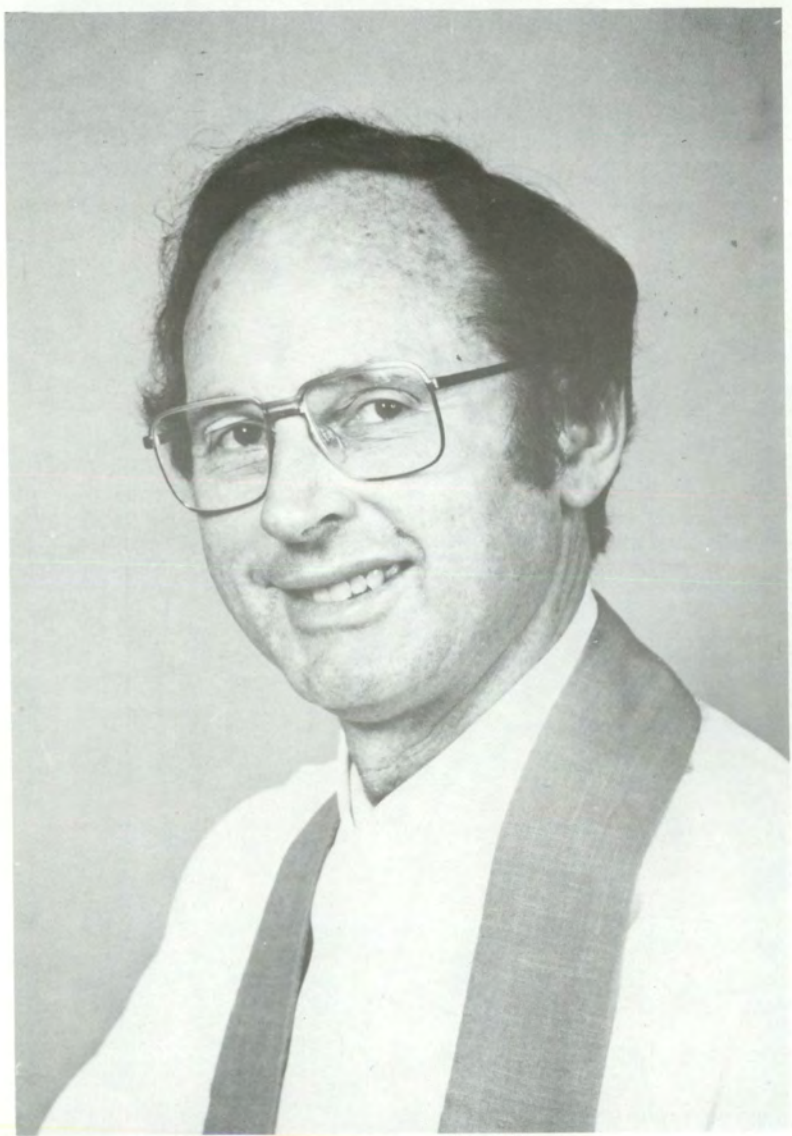
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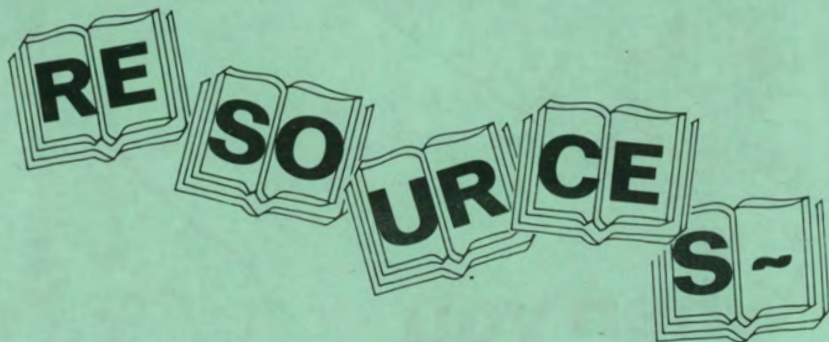
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ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

31 MARCH 1984

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261,942
695,899
Total Distribution for Year \$1,392,353

ASSETS HELD BY THE METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION
under 1 year
1-2 years
2-5 years
over 5 years & perpetual

31/3/84
2,779,810
1,686,511
4,157,778
13,871,743
3,825,961
\$17,627,184

Depositors	Sept '83	\$
5	12.00	207,146
6	12.50	88,519
12	12.12	167,707
12	12.12	223,082
12	12.12	696,454
		14,751,524
		12,711,271

Available to the Church

The common pooling of resources has enabled depositors to share in attractive returns, and, perhaps, has enabled the Methodist Church to undertake projects which would otherwise have been impossible. The re-development of the Church is now possible.

The Association does not own any of the funds itself but acts as a Trustee or Manager for the funds of the Church. The Association's objectives and criteria are set by the Church with it.

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DIARY DATES FOR 1985

1. BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

Wednesday 13 March
15 May
19 June
28 August
27 November

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2. CHURCH BUILDING & LOAN FUND

Wednesday 27 February
27 March
24 April
22 May
26 June
24 July
21 August
25 September
23 October
20 November
11 December

Plans, applications and materials for consideration by the Church Building & Loan Fund Committee need to reach the Administration Division no later than the Friday prior to the meeting to enable the Plans Committee to consider the proposals.

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3. METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION INVESTMENT BOARD

Thursday 7 & Friday 8 March
Wednesday 8 May
3 July
16 October
4 December

Agenda for the meeting closes 10 days before the date of meeting

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4. CANDIDATES ASSESMENT COURSE WEEKEND

30th August - 1st September

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5. DIVISIONAL CONSULTATIONS

15-16 March (Auckland)

6-7 September

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6. PASTORAL COMMITTEE

29 April (Wellington)

5 September (Auckland)

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7. CHURCH COUNCIL
GENERAL PURPOSES
STATIONING
FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

30 April - 2nd May (Wellington)

1-3 October (Wellington)

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8. CONFERENCE

2-8 November (New Plymouth)

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9. THE NEGOTIATING CHURCHES UNITY COUNCIL

The Committee on Church Union
(formerly J C C U)

4-6 June

The Committee on Co-operative Ventures
(formerly J N C C E)

5-6 March

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10. AUGUST SYNODS

Material from Committees and Boards to be considered by the August Synods must be in the hands of the Synod Secretaries for effective distribution by 20 July. If material is to be printed and distributed via the Administration Division, Boards/Divisions/Committees should make arrangements with the Division by the end of June to enable printing and distribution in the Connexional Mailing of 10 July.

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Whangarei Base - Rev. M Cranch (Ecumenical appointment)

AUCKLAND DISTRICT:

Auckland Hospital - Rev. Roy M Alexander

Everil Orr Home and Hospital)
Wesley) Rev. B J Malcouronne

Greenlane - Rev. J R Battersby (Presbyterian)

Carrington and Oakley Hospitals - Rev. Roger J E Hey

MANUKAU DISTRICT:

Kingseat Psychiatric - Rev. G Hawbly (Presbyterian)

Ravensthorpe Psychiatric -

Middlemore - Rev. I G pierce (Presbyterian)

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT:

Waikato Hospital -

Queen Elizabeth (Rotorua))- Rev. G Robertson
Rotorua Hospital) (Ecumenical Chaplain)

Tauranga - Rev. J Kinloch (Ecumenical Chaplain)

Tokanui Psychiatric -

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT:

New Plymouth - Rev. Russell G Rigby

Wanganui Ecumenical Chaplaincy - Rev. Lincoln F Paul

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT:

Napier - Rev. John Burnett (Ecumenical Chaplain)

Hastings Memorial - Rev. Winstone Marshall

Gisborne - Rev. Basil J Hilder (Ecumenical Chaplain)

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Lake Alice - Rev. A O Jones

WELLINGTON DISTRICT:

Wellington Public Hospital - Rev. Brian J Eagle
Lower Hutt Public Hospital -
Silverstream -
Wesley Hospital, Wesleyhaven -
Porirua - Rev. Ian Bayliss
Bowen - Rev. Derek V McNichol
Kimberley - Rev. Lewis A Bowen

NELSON DISTRICT:

Nelson Public Hospital)
Ngawhatu Psychiatric) Rev. Bill McEwan
Braemar Psychopaedic)
Grey Hospital (Greymouth) - Rev. Graham E Hawkey
Seaview Psychiatric (Hokitika) -

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT:

Christchurch Hospital - Rev. R Millichamp (Presbyterian)
- Rev. P Ritchie (Anglican)
Princess Margaret Hospital and Christchurch Women's Hospital -
Rev's J P Edgar (Presbyterian) and M Finney (Anglican)
Coronation Hospital - Rev. Maxwell A Hornblow
Sunnyside Hospital - Rev. P Morreau (Presbyterian)
Burwood Hospital - Rev. William L Wallace
Templeton Hospital - Rev. Ernest Heppelthwaite (Ecumenical
Chaplain)
Southern Cross Trust Hospital - Rev's Lynne and Terry Wall
St George's Hospital - Rev's Lynne and Terry Wall

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT:

Oamaru - Rev. Ian C E Ramage
Timaru Hospital - Rev. Ken Davy (Anglican)
Ashburton -

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT:

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1984	2	Abbott, Bryant S.L., 8A Fovant St, Christchurch 4.	8120
1955	1983	Abbott, William K., 62 Celia St, Stratford	4030
1984	ASC2	Afoa, Ioane A, L.Th., M.Div., D.Min., 2 West End Rd, Herne Bay, Auckland 2	2370
1966	6	Alexander, Roy M., 47 Marsden Ave, Mt Eden, Auckland 4. (Chaplain)	2060
1968	7	Allan, Robert, A., 4 Hayton's Road, Sockburn.	8160
1944	1983	Allen, Robert H., B.A., 31 Bay View Rd, Cass Bay Lyttelton.	8140
1969	UFS	Alley, David R., 12D Hamilton Rd, Queenstown.	9000
1957	12	Amituana'i, Siauala T., B.A., B.D., 53 Fife St, Westmere, Auckland 2.	2020
1984	SS2	Anderson, Glenys R., 412 Pukehangi Rd, Pomare, Rotorua	3170

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1984	MI	Anderson, Wikitoria, 41 Porchester St, Papakura	2510
1956	2	Andrews, Robert S., 92 Cambridge St, Levin	6220
1943	1977	Andrews, Stanley G., M.A., Dip.Ed., 84B Kolmar Rd, Papatoetoe, Auckland	2410
1963	8	Ansell, David H., 50 Comrie Rd, Hamilton.	3110
1980	1	Arrowsmith, David, M.A.,	
1963	1979	Armstrong, David, 23 Durness Pl, Orewa, Auckland.	2280
1979	4	Astley, H. Mary, 122 Totara Drive, Hamilton	3080
1947	1960	Attwood, A.Francis, 19 Toomey Street, Waihi.	3040
1949	1979	Baker, Edward, 7 Park Ave, Tuakau.	2440
1953	7	Baker, Frederick J.K., 61 Wainoni Road, Christchurch 6.	8030
1963	3	Ball, Niven G., 67A Gloucester St, Taradale, Napier. (P.O. Box 5119, Greenmeadows, Napier)	5010
1965	8	Barnes, Stanley J., B.A. (Rhodes), 20 Wellington Street, Hamilton.	3100
1975	7	Bell, Anthony N., L.Th., 17 Sewell Street, Kaiapoi.	8180
1941	1967	Bell, Charles H., B.A., 52 Paine St, Tauranga.	3190
1981	2	Bell, David S., B.A., B.D., 79 Arthur St, Timaru	8310
1957	3	Bell, G.Basil W., 107 Normanby St, Dargaville. (P.O. Box 196)	1090
1944	1977	Bell, R. Graham, M.A., B.D., Theol.M.(Melb.), 6 Wesleydale Place, Papakura.	2430
1967	UFS	Bennett, Enid J., M.A., B.D., P.O. Box 138, Palmerston North.	5100
1956	4	Bennett, George L., 83 Kolmar Rd, Papatoetoe.	2410
1981	5	Bennett, John E., St John's College, 202 St John's Rd Auckland 5 (Student)	
1955	4	Bennett, Trevor L., 406 Thames St, Morrinsville.	3060
1949	1967	Benny, T. Ralph, 7 Hanrahan Street, Ashburton.	8380
1980	1	Biggs, Donald F., 12 Gilberthorpes Rd, Christchurch 4	8150
1954	2	Billinghurst, Noel D., 60 Lahore St, Wairoa, H.B.	5060
1962	5	Bilverstone, John, 89 Eton Street, Ashburton.	8380
1985	1	Bowring, Stuart J., 214 High Street, Dannevirke	5070
1971	SOC	Bowen, Lesley H. Deacon, United Church, Tonu, Bougainville, Papua New Guinea	
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1976	6	Bruce, Dougal H.C., L.Th., 608 Rolleston St., Thames	3010
1964	5	Bruce, Maxwell L., B.Comm,A.C.A., 31 King St, Waiuku	2460
1983	3	Burnett, Margaret E., B.Sc., Dip.App.Soc.Sc., 205 Riverside Drive, Lower Hutt	6120

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1944	1983	Bycroft, Leslie F., 12 Gisborne St, Te Puke.	3210
1955	1	Cable, Wilfred J., 9 Rhodes St, Timaru	8310
1947	SOC14	Campbell, M. Jackson, 68 Kiwi Crescent, Tawa, Wellington.	
1931	1971	Carr, W.E.Allon, Flat 3, 16B Penney Avenue, Mt. Roskill, Auckland 4.	2030
1951	1983	Carter, George G., M.A., Dip.Ed., 2/30 Ridgemount Rise, Mangere Bridge, Auckland.	2410
1972	MI	Cassidy, Tohu, Waima, Hokianga.	1510
		Caygill, Bruce A, B.Com., 254 Innes Rd, Christchurch 1 (Student)	
1985	1	Caygill, Mary E., Dip.Soc.Work, 7 Francis Ryan Close, Mt Albert, Auckland 3	2080
1944	1984	Chambers, Wesley A., M.A., 5 Kaharoa Ave, Omokora, Tauranga, R.D.2	3190
1969	6	Chapman, Wallace C., 364 Hardy Street, Nelson.	7010
1965	UFS	Chessum, William A., Mus.B., 82 Helvetia Rd, Pukekohe.	2440
1960	1979	Christian, Owen L., 28 Colenso St, Sumner, Christchurch 8.	8050
1950	1985	Clark, Colin D., M.A., 120 Kahu Road, Paremata.	6100
1965	6	Clarke, Edwin B., M.A., B.D.(Hons.) (Melb.), P O Box 375 Manurewa, Auckland. (4 Meyers Rd)	2420
1963	2	Clarke, Ian L., (A.C.A.), 67 Shearman St, Waimate	8350
1981	4	Clarke, Lois R.H., B.A., L.T.C.L., P O Box 375, Manurewa, Auckland (4 Meyers Rd)	2420
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1942	1982	Clement, R. Frederick, Q.S.O., M.A., 95 Beechdale Crescent, Pakuranga, Auckland 6.	2410
1947	1981	Clements, Leslie C., 90 Francis St, Takapuna, Auckland 9.	2140
1958	1974	Climo, Frederick J., Flat B., 112 Queen St, Waiuku.	2460
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1951	8	Clucas, Ivan J., P.O. Box 2129, Rotorua.	3170
1939	1975	Cochrane, Herbert A., 26 Diamond Ave, Christchurch 2.	8100
1965	2	Collingwood, Ronald C., 244 Rodney St, Wellsford	1120
1948	39	Collins, Rona W., Deacon, 96 Harewood Rd, Papanui, Christchurch 5.	8010
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1969	UFS	Corlett, Ashley I., L.Th., No. 4 R.D., Taumaranui.	3280
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1984		Craig, Robert M, 12 Willoughby St, Paeroa (Lay Supply)	3030
1943	1977	Cramond, George W., 5 Newall Avenue, Christchurch 5.	8130
	ASC	Crawford, Samuel J., 38 Collingwood Rd, Judea, Tauranga	3040
1957	5	Cropp, James F., 49 Bryndwr Road, Christchurch 5. Cubin, Raewyn, (Mrs) 88 Nicholson Rd, Khandallah, Wellington. (Student)	8130
1980	3	Cumberpatch, Lindsay E., B.A., 100 Jed St, Invercargill (P.O. Box 453)	9110
1962	UFS	Currie, John B., B.A., Tollemache Rd West, Hastings.	5020
1973	UFS	Currie, Laurence H., 7 Stamford St, Lower Hutt	6000
1983	ASC3	Curulala, Malakai, C/- P.O. Box 6133, Wellington	6010
1941	1980	Darvill, Harold A., 9A View Rd, Glenfield, Auckland 10.	2510
1940	1979	Dawson, John B., B.A., Hugh Ave, Hamurana R.D. 2, Ngongotaha, Rotorua	3170
1943	1982	Dawson, W.Selwyn, M.A., 44 Kupe Street, Orakei, Auckland 5.	2070
1932	1968	Day, Reginald, 121 Ferguson Drive, Thames.	3010
1954	SOC1	Dickie, Arthur W., C.Eng., M.Inst.F., M.N.Z.I.E., P O Box 156, White Salmon, Washington 98672	3030
1983	3	Dickinson, Audrey, N., L.Th., 153 Kohimarama Rd, Auckland 5.	2060
1958	SS2	Dickinson, J. Mervyn, B.A., B.D., Ph.D., 259A Tukapa St, New Plymouth	4010
		Did-Dell, Philip L., St John's College, 202 St John's Rd, Auckland 5 (Student)	
1959	5	Dine, Mervyn L., 1 Tennyson Avenue, Takapuna, Auckland 9.	2140
1940	1979	Dixon, Haddon C., O.B.E., M.A., B.D., 21A St Ronans Ave Lower Hutt	6120
		Dombroskie, Christopher R., St John's College, 202 St John's Rd, Auckland 5. (Student)	
1935	1974	Duder, Clifford L., 'Tinopai', 34 Port Albert Road, Wellsford, Northland	1120
1984	2	Dyson, Christopher J., B.Sc., L.Th., 5 Hexham St, Warkworth	2290
1981	2	Dyson, Clive G., A.S.B., L.T.C.L., 3 Pitt St, Reefton	7090
1969	2	Eagle, Brian R.J., 70 Duncan Tce, Kilbirnie, Wellington 3	6030
1980	1	Egli, Bruno W., 30 Murray St, Bell Block, Taranaki	4010
1948	1980	Eisner, Wilf. G., B.A., 108A Lewis St, Glenview, Hamilton	3080
1984	MI	Eketone, Heke Jim, 17 Grace St, Tokoroa (MI)	3510
1985	SS1	Elderton, William E., M.A., A.N.Z.I.A., Dip.N.Z.I.S., 24 Bankot Cres., Ngaio, Wellington 4	6020
		Elphick, Doris J, (Mrs) R.D. 4, Whangarei (Student)	
1943	1983	Falkingham, Wilfred E., M.B.E., 24 Ranui Cres., Diamond Harbour, R.D. 1, Lyttelton.	8140
1964	3	Felderhof, Ludwig, 44 McLean St, Woodville.	5080
1980	MI	Fenwick, Charles B., 72 Mardon Rd. Hamilton	3510
1982	4	Ferguson, L.W. Les, L.Th. P.O. Box 166, Kerikeri.	1040
1979	2	Ferguson, Robert A., B.A., 8 Tabak Cres, Palmerston North	5100
1966	UFS	Ferguson, Ronald W., 4 Pa Road, Onerahi, Whangarei.	1080
1949	1985	Ford, Wilfred F., C.M.G., B.A., 122 Totara Drive, Hamilton.	3080

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1957	5	Fowler, Irwin J., 19 Graham Avenue, Te Atatu, Auckland.	2120
1982	1	France, Brian N., 28 Marion Ave, Mt Roskill, Auckland	4 2030
1937	1974	Francis, William R., B.A., B.D.(Lond.), 982 Whangaparaoa Road, Whangaparaoa.	2280
1981	5	Frith-Upson, Lynne O., 145 Larnach Rd, Waverley, Dunedin.	9070
1971	HM	Fruin, John H., Chertsey Garner, Edna J, (Mrs) 48 Hollywood Ave, Auckland 7 (Student)	
1968	1973	George, Atawhai, Q.S.M., Deacon, C/- P.O. Box, Waihaiha, Bay of Islands.	
1952	1985	George, R. Leslie, 6 Paehoro Grove, Turangi	3290
1964	6	Gerritsen, Hendrik, B.A., B.D., 30 Gardner Avenue, New Lynn, Auckland 7.	2300
		Gibson, June L, (Mrs) 12 Lintaine Place, Glen Innes, Auckland 6 (Student)	
1952	1	Gibson, Loyal J., 12 Lintaine Place, Glen Innes, Auckland 6	2820
1959	4	Gibson, Roger M., C/- P.O. Box 789, Masterton	6190
1951	2	Gilbert, Geoffrey T., 3 Goldsbrough Ave, Raumati Beach	6240
1958	4	Gilbert, Wilfred S., 4 Oroua St, Te Puke.	3210
1984	MI	Gilmore, Stanley, 107 Rimu Rd, Hamilton	3510
1958	SOC1	Glen, Frank, Dip.Theol., Dip.Soc.Wk, Memb.Aust.Inst.Soc.Wkrs (MAIW), Unit 12, J H Mason Retirement Village, Durham Drive, Havelock North	
1976	SOC4	Glensor, Peter E., B.A., 8 Nelson St, Petone	6120
1934	1969	Goodman, George H., 8 Paremata Cres, Paremata	6100
1950	14	Gordon, D. Bruce, M.A., P.O. Box 5104, Wellesley St, Auckland.	2020
1955	2	Goreham, Norman J., B.A.(B'ham), B.D.(Lond.) 171 Parsons St, Wanganui (P.O. Box 4195)	4090
		Goudge, Robyn F., B.A., St John's College, 202 St John's Rd, Auckland 5. (Student)	
1959	1976	Goudge, Stanley R., B.A., 46 Mulgan St, Avondale, Auckland 7.	2080
1956	1982	Grant, Ian D., 219 Ocean Beach Rd, Mt Maunganui Grant, John M., F3/43 Simkin Ave, St John's, Auckland 6. (Student)	3210
1980	2	Grant, Paul H. B.Man. Studies, 24 Mouatt St, Waitara	4020
1973	3	Grant, Stuart C., B.A., LL.B., L.Th.(Hons) 4 Lichfield St, Stoke, Nelson	7010
1969	3	Graves, Norma M., 75 Scotland St, Roxburgh	9160
1972	MI	Gray, Henare Te H., Te Kowhai Rd, Horotiu	
	3510		
1983	3	Gray, Robin J.G., 356 Wairakei Rd, Christchurch 5.	8140
1931	1971	Greenslade, William W.H., M.B.E., 5 Everest St, Khandallah, Wellington.	6010
1979	2	Greenwood, I. Marie, B.Theol., P.G.Dip.(Theol), 5 Lenihan St, Northcote, Auckland 9	2180
1976	7	Greer, Michael W., L.Th., (P.O.Box 51-019, Tawa) 85 Redwood Avenue, Tawa, Wellington.	6110
1939	1968	Grice, Reginald, Unit 1, Kelly Rd, Cambridge.	3070
1959	1	Griffith, Keith C., C/- 108 Hastings St, Hastings	5020
1943	7	Grounds, Edmund D., 5 Paice Avenue, Mt.Eden, Auckland	2030

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1960	8	Grundy, Albert A, M.A., 18 Chapel St, Papanui, Christchurch 5	8140
1960	2	Gust, Warwick, B.A., B.D. (Melb.), P.O. Box 82056, Highland Park, Auckland	2410
1957	2	Guthardt, Phyllis M., M.A., Ph.D., 20 Yaldhurst Rd, Christchurch 4	8120
1928	1968	Hailwood, Charlie O., Flat 1, 144 Galloway Street, Hamilton.	3080
1947	1984	Hall, Allen H., M.A., Dip Tchg, (NZ) M.A., Ph.D., (Qld) Dip Theol, ATCL, 16 Sir Fred Schonell Drive, St. Lucia, Brisbane, Queensland, 4067.	2010
1952	1981	Hall, John R., 10 Snell Crescent, Waihi Beach	3040
1958	UFS	Hamlin, R. John, 5 Mitre Grove, Trentham	6120
1954	7	Hammond, George M., 21 Fox Street, Alexandra.	9170
1952	1977	Handyside, Allan J., 164A East St, Greytown.	6160
1960	8	Hanson, E. Francis L., B.A., B.D., 44 Garden Rd, Lower Hutt, Wellington (P.O. Box 6133)	6800
		Hansen, Wendie, (Mrs) 28 Belmont Tce, Milford 9. (Student)	
1983	1	Harding, David, B.Ag.Sc., L.Th. (Hons), 49 Murphys Rd, Blenheim	7070
1969	8	Harkness, Barry G., B.A., B.D., 29 McGregors Road, Christchurch 6.	8060
1985	1	Harris, Deacon Margaret G, 83 Ashley St, Rangiora.	8190
1972	1	Hauraki, Hana Pae, 38 Bush Rd, Kamo, Whangarei.	1510
1962	4	Hawkey, Graham E., 43 Cowper St, Greymouth	7110
1968	4	Hay, J. Cedric, 23 Landscape Rd, Pukekohe	2440
1980	MI	Hemara, Hemara, Gilbey's Rd, Hikurangi	1510
1966	UFS	Hendry, Richard J., 210 Beymer Ave, Cheraw, Colorado 81030 U.S.A.	6220
1954	11	Heppelthwaite, Ernest, 12 Hockey St, Christchurch 5. (Chaplain)	8140
1965	UFS	Herbert, C. Brice, P.O. Box 262, Dargaville.	1090
1969	MI	Heremaia, Hoani J., Pariroa Pa, Kakarama, Patea	4510
1979	MI	Heremaia, Tahuhu, 34 Greenmeadows Av, Manurewa	2510
1983	MI	Heta, Te Uru, Pupuke Rd, R.D. Kaeo	1510
1968	8	Hey, Roger J.E., 4 Tahuri St, Epsom, Auckland 6. (Chaplain)	2060
		Higham, B. June, (Mrs) McGee Rd, R.D.2, Te Awamutu. (Student)	
1948	8	Hilder, Basil J., 43 Einstein St, Gisborne. (Chaplain)	5040
1983	3	Hingano, Sifa, L.Th., S.Th., 31 Beatty St, Melville, Hamilton	3080
1980	MI	Hinkley, Grahame (Dr), 5 Armagh St, Hamilton	3520
1985	1	Hill, Deacon, Desmond A., Hoari Rd, 37 R.D., Okato.	4080
1983		Hill, Doreen M., 7 Rudleigh St, Christchurch 4. (Shared Lay Ministry)	8010
1983		Hill, Geoffrey E., 7 Rudleigh St, Christchurch 4. (Shared Lay Ministry)	8010
1929	1964	Hobbs, Airini, Deacon, 3 Laings Rd, Bucklands Beach, Auckland.	
1935	1971	Holland, Madeline, Deacon, Flat 8, 58 Allendale Rd, Auckland 3.	
1948	1980	Hopkins, George C., 67 Stafford St, Shannon.	5100

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1936	1970	Hopper, H. Ian K., B.A., 17 Balmoral Lane, Redcliffs, Christchurch 8.	8010
1962	13	Hornblow, Edgar R., LL.B., 'Arohanui Family Village', 81 Middle Road, Havelock North	5020
1960	4	Hornblow, Maxwell A., 120 Colombo St, Christchurch 2.	8090
1960	CHP11	Horrell, C. Seton, 178A Lyttelton St, Christchurch	8020
1929	1968	Horwood, Leonard C., 34B La Veta Avenue, Mt. Albert, Auckland 3.	2080
1959	3	Hosking, John S., M.A., Dip. Mus., P.O. Box 1887, Palmerston North. (22 Goodwyn Cres.)	5100
		Hughson, Gregory A, St John's College, 202 St John's Rd, Auckland 5. (Student)	
1974	MI	Hunapo, Raka, 82 Vine St, Mangere East	2510
1985	1	Hunt, P Anne, 109 Howell Ave, Hamilton.	3080
1975	5	Jacobson, Patricia M., B.A., L.Th., 293 Rangatira Road, Beachhaven, Auckland 10.	2170
1961	11	James, Russell E., 10A Grange St, Christchurch 2.	8080
1967	UFS	Jamieson, Colin G., Dip. R.E. (Melb.), C/- Mental Health Service, P.O. Box 845, (48 Laing Cres, Heathcote) Christchurch.	8010
1932	1969	Jenkin, William C., 77 Grey St, Woodville.	5080
1934	1970	Johnston, Andrew J., 20 Byron St, Mornington, Dunedin.	9020
1940	1975	Jones, Alan O., 8 Eden Place, Wanganui.	4090
1962	1	Jones, Barry E., B.A., 79 Pretoria St, Lower Hutt	6120
1978	MI	Kahu, Ngaonepu Sidney, 22 Elizabeth St, Patea, South Taranaki.	4510
1983	3	Kane, Graham A., Wesley College, P.O. Box 58, Pukekohe. (Chaplain)	2440
1949	1984	Keightley, Clifford J., 69 Carruthers St, Christchurch 4	8140
1984	2	Keesing, Neil R., L.Th. (Melb.), S.Th., 15 Brookfield Tce, Tauranga.	3190
1957	3	Kitchingman, Henry W., 302 West Coast Rd, Glen Eden, Auckland.	2100
1956	1981	Kitchingman, Owen A., B.A., 26 Charles Upham Avenue, Hillmorton, Christchurch 2.	8010
1978	SS5	Kopelani, Falea'ana, 1/296 Ellerslie Panmure Highway, Mt Wellington, Auckland 6.	2040
1946	MI	Kukutai, Waaka, Te Kohanga, via Tuakau, South Auckland	3510
1961	2	Langley, John E., 164 High Street South, Carterton	6180
1982	4	Langley, Timothy J., 31 Whitby St, Dunedin	9020
1927	1968	Laurenson, George L., C.B.E., (Fellow of Wesley College) 15 Ashton Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland 3.	2040
1963	1985	Laws, Derek G., F.C.A., A.C.J.S., 1/4 Ceramco Place, Torbay, Auckland 10	2320
1938	1977	Laws, William R., M.A., B.D. (Melb.), 36 Niagara St, Christchurch 6.	8030
1968	1	Leadley, Alan J., M.A., B.D., 12 Lancewood Avenue, (P O Box 9549, Hamilton North)	3700 3080
1930	1970	Leadley, E. Clarence, Flat 3, 29 Pupuke Road, Takapuna, Auckland 9.	2140

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1977	1981	Leary, Gordon A., M.A., Dip. Ed., J.P., Moana, West Coast	7100
1953	1983	Le Couteur, E. Raymond, 45 Brabourne St, Hillsborough, Christchurch 2.	8080
	Ret	Lee, Ada L., 54 Merrin Crescent, Christchurch 5 (Deacon)	
1983	3	Lemalu, Sialoga T., 1 Grundy Place, Otara.	2410
1958	5	Lewis, Evan R., M.Sc., B.A., P.O. Box 453, Invercargill	9110
1942	1981	Lewis, John J., M.A., B.D. (Melb.), Ph.D. (Lond.) (Fellow of Trinity College), 2/3 Pupuke Road, Takapuna, Auckland 9.	2140
1978	SS4	Little, Edith J., J.P., 8 Saville Row, Johnsonville.	6070
1964	MI	Livingstone, Para Piripi, Pokere, R.D.12, Moerewa, Northland	1510
1968	SOC7	Loader, William R.G., B.A., B.D., Dr. Theol. (Mainz), 37 Eastwood Way, Hamersley, W.A. 6022, Aust.	
1939	1977	Lucas, Campbell, P., L.Th., 15 Tawari St., Matamata.	3140
1957	6	Mabon, John C.F., C/- P.O. Box 30-570, Lower Hutt (Chaplain)	6120
	ASC1	McBride, Alistair J, (part-time)	6010
1930	1970	McDowell, M. Alexander, D.D. (Mt. Union U.S.A.), 4 Huia St, Waikanae	6240
1968	8	McIver, Graeme, M., B.A., 7 Palfrey St, Upper Hutt.	6140
1953	1981	McKay, Archibald, W., 235 Eastern Tce, Christchurch 2	8090
1960	5	McKenzie, Ian H., M.Sc., B.D., 17 Pukehana Ave, Epsom, Auckland.	2040
1965	UFS	Mackie, Bruce E., P.O. Box 5104, Auckland.	2130
1972	5	MacLeod, D. Ian, 11 Eginton St, Motueka.	7040
1982	4	McNicol, Derek V., 44 Ottawa Rd, Ngaio, Wellington 4.	6060
1978	MI	Mahara, Alan, 15 Kent St, Ngaruawahia	3510
1983	ASC2	Mapusua, Seilala, 7 Clevedon St, Wellington 3	6010
1968	3	Malcouronne, Brian J., B.A., 4 Staincross St, Green Bay, Auckland	2020
1966	2	Manihera, John L., 21 White Road, Burnham Military Camp (Chaplain)	
1961	UFS	Marshall, C. Russell, M.P., 283 St Hill St, Wanganui.	4090
1948	1971	Marshall, Edward M., B.A., Dip. Ed., 12B Tower Hill, Whangaparaoa.	2280
1974	MI	Martin, Huia, 74 Franklyne Rd, Otara	2510
1934	1974	Matthews, Howard C., B.A., 57 Wycliffe Street, Onekawa, Napier.	5010
1968	SS2	Meredith, John D., 49 Broadway Ave, Timaru Mika, Vaelua S., 76 Totara Park Rd, Upper Hutt. (Student)	8310
1963	8	Miller, Barbara L., Unit 2, 73 Eskdale Road, Birkdale, Auckland 10.	2510
1978	4	Milner, Colin A., 3 de Merle St, Kaikohe.	1020
1977	ASC	Moala, Taniela T., L.Th., Dip. R.E., 118 Grange Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland 4.	2340
1947	SOC	Money, Lucy H., Deacon, United Church, Choiseul, Solomon Islands.	
1946	1971	Moore, Harry, Flat 1, 3 Esmonde Road, Takapuna, Auckland 9.	2140
1984	MI	Morgan, Hemi Dick, 26 Freyberg Cres, Putaruru	3510

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1959	4	Morrison, William, 77 Grey St, Onehunga.	2040
1942	1982	Morrison, William J., M.A., 18A Mizpah Rd, Browns Bay, Auckland 10.	2320
1972	MI	Morunga, Mack, Pakanae, Opononi	1510
1972	MI	Morunga, Winiata, 3 Griffin Street, Kamo, Northland	1510
1960	4	Mullan, David S., M.A., Dip.Ed., 2 College Rd, Glen Innes, Auckland 6.	2060
1980	1	Murray, John S., R D 3, Ashburton	8380
1964	1	Neal, Barry W., C.F., M.A., Dip.Ed., 37 Bank St, Te Awamutu	8310
1953	3	Newman, Alan, 100 West St, Feilding.	5120
1984	SS1	Noa, Nomani,	
1959	1982	Noble, Dorothea M., B.A., 113 Oroua Street, Eastbourne, Wellington	6120
1968	1	Norwell, Ian C., 193 Victoria Rd, Devonport, Auckland 9	2130
1937	1974	Norwell, Leslie T., 36 Raleigh St, Cambridge	3070
1949	1982	Nuttall, A. Roger G., B.A., 103A Ohaupo Rd, Hamilton.	3080
1939	1977	Oldfield, Charles B., 1/110 Sartars Ave, Browns Bay, Auckland 10	2320
1946	1981	Olds, Norman W., 1255 Whangaparaoa Rd, Whangaparaoa, North Auckland.	2280
1951	1977	Olds, O. McLennan, 19 Beach Rd, Omokoroa, R.D. Tauranga.	3190
1983	3	Oliver, J. Allan, M.Sc., L.Th., 37 Haerehuka St., Otorohanga	3260
1953	5	Osborne, John H. M.A., 97 Birkenhead Ave, Birkenhead, Auckland 10.	2150
	SS3	Overton, E. John, 357 New Brighton Rd, Christchurch 7 (Lay Ministry)	8030
1947	1979	Parker, Francis H., 34B Racecourse Rd, Te Awamutu.	3250
1931	1972	Parker, Gordon, M.A., Ph.D. (Lond.), Whitianga, Coromandel Peninsula	3320
1930	1971	Parker, J. Wesley, E.D., M.A., B.D., 8 Ranui Road, Remuera, Auckland 5.	2060
1929	1965	Parker, Walter, 261 Manukau Rd, Epsom, Auckland	2010
1933	1965	Patchett, Ralph E., 118 Knowles St, Christchurch 5.	8010
1969	1	Pate, Henry H., 5 Mission St, New Plymouth	4510
		Paterson, Susan E., St John's College, 202 St John's Rd, Auckland 5. (Student)	
1982	4	Peat, J. Murray, Mus.B., A.T.C.L.Dip., 112 High St, Masterton	6200
1952	6	Penman, John A., B.A., 130 Grafton Rd, Auckland 4	2010
1927	1966	Penn, Athol R., 320 'Northbridge', Akoranga Drive, Northcote, Auckland 9.	2140
1960	1974	Peterson, Frederick D., 270 Whangaparaoa Rd, Whangaparaoa, Auckland.	2280
1925	1968	Peterson, Gordon R.H., 1 Randwick Rd, Northland, Wellington 5.	6020
1968	4	Phillipps, Donald J., B.A., B.D., (P.O. Box 5076) 10 Lynwood Ave, Dunedin	9020

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1972	MI	Pickering, Alan S., Pouto R.D., Te Kopuru.	1510
1939	1973	Pointon, Dorothy, Deacon, 102 Sandspit Rd, Howick, Auckland	
1962	UFS	Pomeroy, Harold C., B.A., B.D., A.C.A., C.M.A., A.C.I.S., C/- P.O.Box 56141, Dominion Rd, Auckland	2000
1980	MI	Popata, Wiki, 112 Galway St, Onehunga, Auckland 6.	2510
1967	4	Pratt, David C., (P.O. Box 4195), 8 Ingestre St, Wanganui	4090
1975	CHP2	Pratt, G. Douglas, M.A., B.D., L.Th.(Hons.), A.S.B., Ph.D.(St And), 110A Knighton Rd, Hamilton	3080
1966	12	Prince, Donald F., MNZAPC, 7 Ilfracombe Pl, Burnside, Christchurch 5.	8140
1957	1	Pullar, Beverley, 28 Oxford St, Richmond, Nelson	7090
1984	MI	Rakena, Matiu, Te Pua Road, Kaikohe. (MI)	1510
1954	24	Rakena, Ruawai D., B.A., 28 Mt Albert Rd, Auckland (P.O. Box 68-148, Auckland)	2500
1949	3	Ramage, Ian C.E., M.A., 24 Eden St, Oamaru	8400
		Ramsay, B Anne, (Mrs) 120 Kamo Rd, Whangarei (Student)	
1951	MI	Rangitutia, Pukerau, Aotearoa, R.D. 7., Te Awamutu.	3510
1980	MI	Raunatiri, Rau, 73 Opaheke Rd, Papakura	2510
1984	MI	Rauwhero, Jim Heemi, River Rd, Hamilton R D 1	3510
1957	1972	Reid, Andrew G., 51B Burns St, Caversham, Dunedin	9020
		Reid, Loraine J, (Mrs) 5 Haronui St, Whangarei (Student)	
1982	SS4	Richards, Gillian M., 202 Kohimarama Rd, Auckland 5	2070
1969	5	Rigby, Russell G., B.A.(hons.), 3 Carver Place, New Plymouth	4010
1955	2	Rigg, Frank S., The Parsonage, Hook Rd, Paparoa	1110
1974	7	Roberts, John H., B.A., L.Th., Dip.Crim.(Hons.), 54 Chester Street, Christchurch 1.	8010
		Rogers, Douglas, LL.B.(Hons), B.D. (Hons) (Graduate Theological Student Supply), 68 Main St, Otahuhu	9130
1984	MI	Rogers, Timaru (Mrs), 42 Orrs Rd, Kaikohe	1510
1963	6	Rowe, B. Keith, B.A., B.D., S.T.M.(Union N.Y.), St. John's College, 202 St. John's Rd, Auckland 5.	2820
1951	1966	Ruck, Idris J., 48 Nixon Street, Hamilton.	3100
1954	1	Rushton, Percy P., B.A., B.D., 14 St Vincent Ave, Remuera, Auckland 5	2060
1957	5	Russell, Kenneth H., Box 8104, Kensington, Whangarei. (149 Kamo Rd)	1080
1962	SS3	Rutherford, Maynard G., Orama Christian Centre, Karaka Bay, via Port Fitzroy, Great Barrier Island.	2010
1985	ASC1	Ryan, Father Eric, M.A., Ph.D. (Catholic University U.S.A.) St John's College, 202 St John's Road, Auckland 5 (Supply)	2820
1964	1972	Sage, Constance, Deacon, 1 Willis St, Auckland 3.	
1971	3	Salmon, John B., M.A., Th.M. (Princeton), Ph.D., L.Th., S.Th., A.C.A., A.C.I.S., 50 Meadowvale Ave, Forrest Hill, Auckland 10.	2800
1959	UFS.	Salter, Lawrence E., 14 Westville Court, Bundaberg, Queensland 4670	3000
1982	4	Samoa Saleupolu, Aso T., Dip.Trop.Agr., L.Th., 52 Nelson St, Petone	6120
1983	ASC3	Samusamuvodre, Elia, 12 Poronui St, Mt Eden, Auckland.	2040
1982	4	Sanders, Jeffrey W., L.Th., 179 Regan St, Stratford.	4030
1981	SS5	Sa'o, Tanielu T., 801 Queen St E., Hastings	5020
1956	7	Scammell, Bruce, 463 Gladstone Rd, Gisborne	5040

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1950	SOC4	Schroeder, Leonard P., B.A., B.D.(Melb.), P.O. Box 130, Maun, Botswana	2030
1983	3	Sedon, Ashley J., B.T.P., L.Th.(Hons.), 62 Barrington St, Christchurch 2.	8020
1984	SS2	Sefuiva, Iosua, 27 Grosvenor St., Auckland	2010
1976	MI	Searancke, Paddy, 56 Bader St, Hamilton	3510
1945	1977	Shapcott, Leonard, 42 Bowen St, Cambridge.	3070
1975	1	Sharp, Gavin B., B.Sc., 235 Karori Rd, Wellington 5	6020
1952	6	Shaw, Harry L., 23 Alpha Street, Cambridge.	3070
		Shekleton, Lesley M, (Miss) St John's Cillege, 202 St John's Rd, Auckland 5 (Student)	
1946	1982	Shepherd, Trevor, 175 Kings Ave, Matua, Tauranga.	3190
1944	1970	Sherson, Donald G., B.A., 54 Rangatira Rd, Birkdale, Auckland 10.	2150
1979	CHP2	Short, Robert D, Linton Military Camp, 9 Trieste St, Linton	5100
1961	8	Sides, Brian W., P.O. Box 2019, Tauranga South.	3190
1938	1978	Silvester, John, M.A., Flat 3, 28 King Street, Papatoetoe.	2410
1975	2	Sinclair, Paul F., 52 Queens Drive, St Kilda, Dunedin	9020
1964	3	Slinn, Stuart G., 72 Poole Rd, Greerton, Tauranga.	3200
1970	6	Smith, G. Clive, L.Th., The Union Church Manse, 44 Winchester St, Lyttelton.	8070
1985	1	Smith, Kenneth, 33 Johnson St, Milton	9080
1928	1966	Snowden, Rita, O.B.E., F.I.A.L., Deacon, Flat 1, 16 Bracken Avenue, Takapuna, Auckland 9.	
1952	1976	Spindler, Sydney J., 181 Tukapa St, New Plymouth.	4010
1984	1	Springett, Margaret, L.Th., 52 King Edward St, Eltham	4050
1951	1985	Stead, Peter A., B.A., 10 Newton Rd, Oneroa, Waiheke Island	2060
1973	3	Stringer, John A., Dip.Theol.(Melb.), 87 Forfar Street, Mosgiel, Dunedin.	9020
1969	SOC7	Stringer, Robert G., C/- Synod of Western Australia, Westminster House, 10 Pier St, Perth, W.A. 6000.	
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1968	8	Te Whare, Morehu, 3 Gladstone Rd, Te Kuiti.	3510
1966	UFS	Te Whare, Robert, P.O. Box 9480, Wellington.	6510
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1981	SS5	Tiatia, Tuuau, 167 Coutt St, Kilbirnie, Wellington.	6010
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1973	MI	Toki, Te Marunui, 26 Whitely Cres., Otara	2510
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1954	1983	Trebilco, David L., 11 Bishoprick Cres., Te Puke.	3210
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OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

and is a record of years of service in
the Methodist Church.

- NOTE:(a) Normally a Deacon and Presbyterian's name is listed as from the date of first appointment by the Conference.
(b) The Names of Presbyters received from other Conferences appear under the year of their first appointment by their previous Conference.
(c) The names of Presbyters received from other Churches into Full Connexion is listed from the year of their appointment by the Conference.
(d) See Resolution 2, p.8, 1977.

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| 1925 | Brown, F. Gardner (Sup.)
Peterson, Gordon R.H. (Sup.) | 1936 | Hopper, Ian H.K. (Sup.)
Wharemaru, Heeni (Deacon ret.) |
| 1926 | Voyce, A. Henry (Sup.) | 1937 | Francis, William R. (Sup.)
Norwell, Leslie T. (Sup.) |
| 1927 | Laurenson, George I.,
C.B.E. (Sup.)
Penn, Athol R. (Sup.) | 1938 | Laws, William R. (Sup.)
Marshall, Edward M. (Sup.)
Silvester, John (Sup.) |
| 1928 | Hailwood, Charlie O. (Sup.)
Snowden, Rita (Deacon ret.) | 1939 | Cochrane, Herbert A.
(Sup.)
Grice, Reginald (Sup.)
Lucas, Campbell P. (Sup.)
Oldfield, Charles B. (Sup.)
Pointon, Dorothy (Deacon ret.) |
| 1929 | Hobbs, Airini (Deacon ret.)
Horwood, Leonard C. (Sup.)
Parker, Walter (Sup.) | 1940 | Dawson, John B. (Sup.)
Dixon, Haddon C.,
O.B.E., (Sup.)
Jones, Alan O. (Sup.) |
| 1930 | Leadley, E. Clarence (Sup.)
McDowell, M. Alexander (Sup.)
Parker, J. Wesley (Sup.) | 1941 | Bell, Charles H. (Sup.)
Brown, Harold K. (Sup.)
Darvill, Harold A. (Sup.)
Thomas, Gordon V. (Sup.)
Woolford, J. Henry (Sup.) |
| 1931 | Carr, W.E. Allon (Sup.)
Greenslade, William W.H.
M.B.E., (Sup.)
Parker, Gordon (Sup.)
Williams, David O. (Sup.) | 1942 | Clement, R. Frederick
Q.S.O., (Sup.)
Lewis, John J. (Sup.)
Morrison, William J. (Sup.)
Willing, Leonard V. (Sup.) |
| 1932 | Day, Reginald (Sup.)
Jenkin, William C. (Sup.) | | |
| 1933 | Patchett, Ralph E. (Sup.) | | |
| 1934 | Goodman, George H. (Sup.)
Johnston, Andrew J. (Sup.)
Matthews, Howard C. (Sup.) | | |
| 1935 | Duder, Clifford L. (Sup.)
Holland, Madeline (Deacon re.)
Thornley, Robert (Sup.)
Witthorpe, Arthur R. (Sup.) | | |

- 1943 Andrews, Stanley G. (Sup.)
Cramond, George W. (Sup.)
Dawson, W. Selwyn (Sup.)
Falkingham, Wilfred E., M.B.E. (Sup.)
Grounds, Edmund D.
- 1944 Allen, Robert H. (Sup.)
Bell, R. Graham (Sup.)
Bycroft, Leslie F. (Sup.)
Chambers, Wesley A. (Sup.)
Sherson, Donald G. (Sup.)
- 1945 Shapcott, Leonard (Sup.)
- 1946 Moore, Harry (Sup.)
Olds, Norman W. (Sup.)
Shepherd, Trevor (Sup.)
- 1947 Attwood, A. Francis (Sup.)
Campbell, M. Jackson
Clements, Leslie C. (Sup.)
Hall, Allen H. (Sup.)
Money, Lucy H. (Deacon, ret.)
Parker, Francis H. (Sup.)
- 1948 Clement, Grace M. (Deacon, ret.)
Collins,, Rona W. (Deacon)
Eisner, Wilf G. (Sup.)
Hilder, Basil J.
Hopkins, George C. (Sup.)
Marshall, Edward M. (Sup.)
- 1949 Baker, Edward (Sup.)
Benny, T. Ralph (Sup.)
Burt, Douglas H.
- 1949 Cornwell, Gordon A.R. (Sup.)
Ford, Wilfred F., C.M.G.
Keightley, Clifford J. (Sup.)
Nuttall, A. Roger G. (Sup.)
Ramage, Ian C.E.
Yearbury, Betty (Deacon ret.)
- 1950 Clark, Colin D.
Gordon, D. Bruce
Schroeder, Leonard P.
Woodfield, Frank H. (Sup.)
Woodfield, Owen T.
- 1951 Burrough, Amos W.
Carter, George G. (Sup.)
Clucas, Ivan J.
Gilbert, Geoffrey T.
Olds, O. McLennan (Sup.)
Ruck, Idris J. (Sup.)
Stead, Peter A.
- 1952 George, R. Leslie
Gibson, Loyal J.
Hall, John R. (Sup.)
Handysides, Allan J. (Sup.)
Penman, John A.
Shaw, Harry I.
Spindler, Sydney J. (Sup.)
Thomson, John H. (Sup.)
- 1953 Baker, Frederick J.K.
Craig, Hughan M. (Sup.)
LeCouteur, E. Raymond (Sup.)
McKay, Archibald W. (Sup.)
Newman, Alan
Osborne, John H.
Stubbs, David G.
- 1954 Billingham, Noel D.
Dickie, Arthur W.
Hammond, George M.
Heppelthwaite, Ernest
Rakena, Ruawai D.
Rushton, Percy P.
Tahere, Te Awha W.
Trebilco, David I. (Sup.)
Watson, Alexander C.
- 1955 Abbott, William K. (Sup.)
Bennett, Trevor L.
Boyd, Edward P.
Cable, Wilfred J.
Goreham, Norman J.
- 1955 Rigg, Frank S.
Tauroa, Lane M.
Thornicroft, Neville (Sup.)
- 1956 Andrews, Robert S.
Bennett, George L.
Dickinson, J. Mervyn
Grant, Ian D. (Sup.)
Kitchingman, Owen A. (Sup.)
Scammell, Bruce

- 1957 Amituanafi, Siauala T.
Bell, G. Basil W.
Cropp, James F.
Fowler, Irwin J.
Guthardt, Phyllis M.
Kitchingman, Henry W.
Mabon, John C.F.
Pullar, Beverely
Reid, Andrew G. (Sup.)
Russell, Kenneth H.
Taylor, Phillip F.
- 1958 Climo, Frederick J. (Sup)
Dickinson, J. Mervyn
Gilbert, Wilfred S.
Glen, Frank G.
Hamlin, R. John
Lewis, Evan R.
- 1959 Bowen, Lewis A.,
Dine, Mervyn L.
Gibson, Roger M.
Goudge, Stanley R. (Sup)
Griffith, Keith C.
Hosking, John S.
Morrison, William
Noble, Dorothea M. (Sup)
Salter, Lawrence E.
Widdup, Robert W.
- 1960 Brazendale, Graham
Christian, Owen L. (Sup)
Conway, James H. (Sup)
Grundy, Albert A.
Gust, Warwick
Hanson, E. Francis L.
Hornblow, Maxwell A.
Horrill, C. Seton
McKenzie, Ian H.
Mullan, David S.
Peterson, Frederick D.
(Sup.)
Wedding, P. Joan
- 1961 James, Russell E.
Langley, John E.
Marshall, C. Russell
Sides, Brian W.
Taylor, A. Kerry
Wallace, William L.
- 1962 Bilverstone, John
Currie, John B.
Hawkey, Graham E.
- Hornblow, Edgar R.
Jones, Barry E.
Pomeroy, Harold C.
Rutherford, Maynard G.
Waine, Frederick E.
Wakeling, W.J. Douglas,
Woodley, Alan K.
- 1963 Ansell, David H.
Armstrong, David (Sup.)
Ball, Niven G.
Clarke, Ian L.
Laws, Derek G.
Millar, Barbara I.
Rowe, B. Keith
Tucker, W. Geoffrey,
Wiki, Shirley (Deacon)
- 1964 Bruce, Maxwell L.
Felderhof, Ludwig
Gerritsen, Hendrik
Neal, Barry W.
Sage, Constance G.
(Deacon ret.)
Slinn, Stuart G.
Ungemuth, Shirley V.
- 1965 Barnes, Stanley J.
Chessum, William A.
Clarke, Edwin B.
Collingwood, Ronald C.
Herbert, C. Brice,
Mackie, Bruce E.
Waaka, Te Napi T., O.B.E.
West, Norman J.
- 1966 Alexander, Roy M.
Ferguson, Ronald W.
Hendry, Richard J.
Manihera, John I.
Prince, Donald F.
Taylor, Keith J.
West, Stanley J.
Te Whare, Robert
- 1967 Bennett, Enid J.
Jamieson, Colin G.
Pratt, David C.
Toia, Samson N.
- 1968 Allan, Robert A.
Couch, Moke A.G.
George, Atawhai, Q.S.M.
(Deacon ret)

- 1968 Hay, J. Cedric
Hey, Roger J.E.
Leadley, Alan K.
Loader, William R.G.
McIver, Graeme M.
Malcouronne, Brian J.
Meredith, John D.
Norwell, Ian C.
Phillipps, Donald J.
Te Whare, Morehu
- 1969 Alley, David R.
Brookes, Norman E.
Chapman, Wallace C.
Corlett, Ashley L.
Eagle, Brian R.J.
Graves, Norma M.
Harkness, Barry G.
Rigby, Russell G.
Stringer, Robert G.
Turner, Brian H.
- 1970 Smith, G. Clive
- 1971 Bowen, Lesley H.
(Deacon)
Salmon, John B.
Wright, Jack
- 1972 Hauraki, Hana P.
MacLeod, D. Ian
- 1973 Anderson, Ian E.M.
Currie, Laurence H.
Grant, Stuart C.
Stringer, John A.
- 1974 Burton, Restal A.
Roberts, John H.
- 1975 Bell, Anthony N.
Jacobson, Patricia M.
Pratt, G. Douglas
Sharp, Gavin B.
Sinclair, Paul F.
Tana, Diana A.
- 1976 Bruce, Douglas H.C.
Glensor, Peter E.
Greer, Michael W.
White, Graeme R.
- 1976 Bruce, Dougal H.C.
Glensor, Peter E.
Greer, Michael W.
White, Graeme R.
- 1977 Leary, Gordon A. (Sup.)
Webster, Alan C.
- 1978 Kopelani, Falea'ana
Milner, Colin A.
Wall, Lynne J.
Wall, Terence W.
Upson, Alan R.
- 1979 Astley, H. Mary
Bush, David J.
Ferguson, Robert A.
Greenwood, I. Marie
Little, Edith J.
Short, Robert D.
Stroobant, Anthony D.
- 1980 Arrowsmith, David
Biggs, Donald
Cooper, K. Desmond
Cumberpatch, Lindsay E.
Egli, Bruno
Grant, Paul H.
Murray, John S.
- 1981 Bell, David S
Dyson, Clive G.
Frith-Upson, Lynne O
Sa'o, Tanielu T
Tiatia, Tuuau
Tugia, A Fa'aoso
Tuimaseve, Fisa (Deacon)
Whaley, Graham H
- 1982 Clarke, Lois R H
France, Brian N
Langley, Timothy J
McNicol, Derek V
Ferguson, I W Leslie
Peat, J Murray,
Richards, Gillian M
Samoa Saleupolu, A T
Sanders, Jeffrey W
Webster, Edna E (Deacon)
- 1983 Burnett, Margaret E
Dickinson, Audrey N
Gray, Robin J G
Harding, David
Hingano, Sifa
Kane, Graham A
Lemalu, Sialoga T
Oliver, J Allan
Sedon, Ashley J
Telford, Gillian A
Thomas, Ann M

- 1984 Abbott, Bryant, S L
 Anderson, Glenys R
 Dyson, Christopher J
 Keesing, Neil R
 Noa, Nomani
 Sefuiva, Iosua L
 Springett, Margaret
 Su, Unasa
 Waugh, Richard J
- 1985 Bowring, Stuart J
 Caygill, Mary E
 Elderton, William E
 Harris, Margaret G (Deacon)
 Hill, Desmond A (Deacon)
 Hunt, P Anne (Deacon)
 Tregurtha, Rachael E (Deacon)
 (Deacon)
 Tupou, Sione Tavake
 Vaughan, F Anne



THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
C O N F E R E N C E

BLLENHEIM - NOVEMBER 1984

PRESIDENT	:	Rev. E. Francis I. Hanson, B.A., B.D.
VICE-PRESIDENT	:	Mrs Joyce K. Dey
SECRETARY	:	Rev. Alan K. Woodley, B.A.

CONFERENCE 1984

THE BUSINESS FROM DAY TO DAY

Time	Day-Activity	Business & Comments
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THURSDAY, 1st NOV.

9.00 a.m.	R, Law Revision Committee - Convener: Mr Geoff Peak	Baptist Church cnr High St & Beaver Rd
10.30 a.m.	Morning Tea	
11.00 a.m./ 12.30 p.m./	Law Revision Committee	
12.30 p.m.	Lunch (catered)	Wesley Centre Lounge
1.30 p.m./	C, Committee on Ministry - Convener: Rev. Henry W. Kitchingman	Baptist Church Committee on Ministry Theological College (part)
3.00 p.m.	Afternoon Tea	
3.30 p.m./	Committee on Ministry	
6.00 p.m.	Dinner (catered)	Wesley Centre Lounge
7.15 p.m./ 9.30 p.m./	Committee on Ministry	

FRIDAY, 2nd NOV.

9.00 a.m.	A, General Purposes Committee - Convener: Rev. Alan Woodley	Baptist Church
10.15 a.m.	Morning Tea	
10.45 a.m.	General Purposes Committee	
12.30 p.m.	Lunch (catered)	Wesley Centre Lounge
1.30 p.m.	General Purposes Committee	
3.00 p.m.	Afternoon Tea	
3.30 p.m./	D, Stationing Committee - Convener: Rev. Alan Woodley	Baptist Church
6.00 p.m.	Dinner (catered)	Wesley Centre Lounge
7.00 p.m./ 9.00 p.m./	Stationing Committee	
7.00 p.m./ 9.00 p.m./	Registration/Enquiries at St Andrews Hall, 5 Henry St. Will ALL Representatives please call for additional Reports/material prior to the Opening of Conference	

Time	Day-Activity	Business & Comments
SATURDAY, 3rd NOV.		
8.45 a.m.	Stationing Committee	
10.30 a.m.	Morning Tea	
11.00 a.m.	Stationing Committee	
12.00 noon /		
10.00 a.m. /	Registration/Enquiries at St Andrews Hall, 5 Henry Street Will ALL Representatives please call for additional Reports/material prior to the Opening of Conference	
10.30 a.m.	Wesley Historical Society (N.Z.) Annual Meeting -	Wesley Centre Lounge
12.10 p.m.	Conveners of Committees of Detail meet with General Secretary -	Wesley Centre Room "C"
12.30 p.m.	Lunch (own arrangements)	
1.00 p.m.	Prayer Session - Rev. Ann Thomas	St Andrews Church
2.00 p.m.	Session 1 Opening Service Induction and Presidential Address - Reception into Full Connexion with the Conference	Nativity Church Alfred Street (Conference Offering)
4.00 p.m.	Afternoon Tea	Centennial Hall cnr Henry & Arthur Sts
5.00 p.m. /	Conference Reps meet in	
6.15 p.m. /	Committees of Detail, for venues see below	
6.30 p.m.	Conference Meal	St Andrews Hall and Triple Links Hall
8.00 p.m. /	"Celebrating in Blenheim"	Mayoral Welcome
9.30 p.m. /		Greetings Social programme

SUNDAY, 4th NOV.

8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion at Wesley Centre. Preacher: The President, Rev. Frank Hanson	
10.00 a.m.	Morning Worship at Wesley Centre Conducted by the Maori Division	
1.30 p.m.	Session 2 Tributes to the Deceased Q.20-21 Conference Ordination Service of Presbyters Holy Communion Preacher: The Ex-President, Mr Geoffrey E. Hill	Nativity Church Alfred Street (Conference Offering)

Time	Day-Activity	Business & Comments
3.30 p.m.	Afternoon Tea	Centennial Hall cnr Henry & Arthur Sts
5.00 p.m.	Session 3	Wesley Centre A. General Purposes D. Stationing Comm. - 2nd Reading R. Law Revision Notices of Motion
6.15 p.m.	Conference Meal	St Andrews Church Hall & Triple Links Hall
7.00 p.m.	COMMITTEES OF DETAIL: NOTE: The business of Conference is considered in Committees of Detail before being presented to the Conference	
9.00 p.m. /		

E. DEVELOPMENT: Convener - Rev. Edwin Clarke
 Development Division Saturday Evening & Monday
 Church Union Morning, Baptist Church
 Samoan Policy - Beaver Street
 Auckland District Tongan Sunday Evening Seventh
 Fellowship Day Adventist Hall -
 Fijian Fellowship Percy Street

F. CHURCH WELFARE: Convener - Rev. Mary Astley
 Welfare of the Church Saturday Evening - St
 Lay Preachers' Assn Andrews Hall Room 6
 Women's Fellowship Sunday Evening & Monday
 Media Morning, Masonic Hall
 Chaplaincies
 Wesley Historical Society
 Community of Women & Men in
 Church and Society

G. EDUCATION: Convener - Rev. Michael Greer
 Education Division Wesley Gym
 Theological College (part)
 Wesley College
 Robert Gibson Trust

H. ADMINISTRATION & CONNEXIONAL PROPERTIES & FUNDS:
 Convener - Mr Piripi Rakana Nativity Church
 Administration Division Hall
 Ecumencial Committee-N.C.C.
 Investment Board
 Methodist Trust Assn
 Connexional Trusts

I. MAORI: Convener - Rev. Diana Tana
 Maori Division Nativity Church Lounge

J. SOCIAL SERVICES: Convener - Rev. Norman West
 N.Z.M.S.S.A. St Andrews Hall
 M.S.S.A. (Branches) Room 6

Time	Day-Activity	Business & Comments
	K. PUBLIC QUESTIONS: Convener - Mrs Beatrice McIver Public Questions	
	L. BUDGET: Convener - Mr Warren Hudson Connexional Budget (meets in Oct. & May)	
	M. FAITH AND ORDER: Convener - Rev. Norman Brookes Faith and Order	
	O. MISSION & ECUMENICAL: Convener - Rev. Dr. Phyllis Guthardt Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation	

MONDAY, 5th NOV.

Brief Devotions will open morning, afternoon and evening sessions.

8.15 a.m.	Prayer Session	St Andrews Church
8.45 a.m.	Committees of Detail resume	
10.30 a.m.	Morning Tea	St Andrews and Triple Links Halls
11.15 a.m. /	Session 4 <i>Conference Appreciation of the Services of the Rev. Geoff & Mrs Margaret Tucker and the Rev. David & Mrs Elizabeth Evans</i>	Notices of Motion O. Mission & Ecumenical
12.30 p.m.	Lunch (provided)	St Andrews and Triple Links Halls
1.30 p.m.	Session 4 resumes	O. Mission & Ecumenical cont'd
3.15 p.m.	Afternoon Tea	St Andrews and Triple Links Halls
3.45 p.m. / 5.00 p.m. /	Session 5	Welcome to Observers F. Welfare of the Church
5.10 p.m.	Conference Meal - St Andrews & Triple Links Halls Methodist Diaconate Tea - Rear Room Triple Links Hall	
6.30 p.m. / 7.45 p.m. /	Session 6	F. Welfare of the Church cont'd Women's Fellowship presentation
8.00 p.m.	Conference Ordination Service of Deacons Preacher: The Ex-Vice-President, Rev. Albert A. Grundy	Nativity Church Alfred Street

Time	Day-Activity	Business & Comments
TUESDAY, 6th NOV.		
8.15 a.m.	Prayer Session	St Andrews Church
8.45 a.m. /	Session 7	Church Council
	Conference Appreciation of the services of the Rev. Barry & Mrs Jennifer Jones	E. Development
10.30 a.m.	Morning Tea	St Andrews & Triple Links Halls
1.00 p.m.	Lunch	
1.00 p.m.	D. Stationing Committee	Baptist Church
1.00 p.m.	Lunch time gathering with Nola Hanson and Gordon Dey	Place to be announced
2.00 p.m.	The Methodist Trust Association - What it is, - how it works. (Optional)	Wesley Centre Room "C"
2.30 p.m.	Afternoon Tea	St Andrews & Triple Links Halls
3.00 p.m. /	Session 8	D. Stationing Third Reading L. Budget H. Administration
5.45 p.m.	Evening Meal with Host and Hostess or own arrangements	
7.30 p.m. /	Session 9	H. Administration cont'd G. Education
9.20 p.m.	Time for Meditation	The Vice-President
9.30 p.m.		

WEDNESDAY, 7th NOV.

8.15 a.m.	Prayer Session	St Andrews Church
8.45 a.m.	Session 10	K. Public Questions Committee on Ministry Election of President and Vice-President
10.30 a.m.	Morning Tea	St Andrews and Triple Links Halls
10.35 a.m.	Ministers moving meet with Warren Hudson in Wesley Centre Room "C"	
11.00 a.m.	Session 10 resumes	
12.15 p.m.	Leprosy Trust Board	

Time	Day-Activity	Business & Comments
12.30 p.m.	Lunch	
12.30 p.m.	Lunch & Ministers' Spouses Meeting	<i>Place to be announced</i>
1.30 p.m.	Session 11	M. Faith & Order J. Social Services
3.30 p.m.	Afternoon Tea	<i>St Andrews & Triple Links Halls</i>
4.00 p.m./	Session 11 resumes	Tributes to
5.30 p.m./		Supernumeraries
5.40 p.m.	Conference Meal Lay Preachers Tea	<i>- Rear Room Triple Links Hall</i>
7.00 p.m./	Session 12	F. Welfare of the Church
9.30 p.m. / or until time of rising		cont'd
		R. Law Revision
9.20 p.m.	Time for Meditation -	<i>The Vice-President</i>

THURSDAY, 8th NOV.

8.15 a.m.	Prayer Session	<i>St Andrews Church</i>
8.45 a.m.	Session 13	P. Maori Division Election of District Superintendents Unfinished Business
10.30 a.m.	Morning Tea	<i>St Andrews & Triple Links Halls</i>
11.00 a.m.	Session 13 resumes	
12.00 noon	Covenant Service	<i>Wesley Centre</i>
1.00 p.m.	Conference concludes. Lunch	

The success of the above time-table will depend upon:

- (1) The use of the en bloc procedure.
- (2) A co-operative spirit in the Conference in response to Committees of Detail who have done their work.
- (3) The willingness of Members to commit themselves to the whole of Conference.

EXCERPTS FROM THE STANDING ORDERS

All speakers shall be required to occupy the tribune except when a question is asked.

No member shall speak more than once on the same question without the leave of the Conference, except when the Conference is in Committee of the whole. The mover of a motion, however, has the right of reply.

Every motion and amendment shall be presented in writing by the proposer at the time the proposition is made, and shall be immediately handed to the Secretary.

Notice of Motion shall be given of any Motion not in the Agenda and not being an amendment to a Motion. It shall be handed to the Secretary in duplicate as soon as it shall have been read to the Conference.

The seconder of a motion or of an amendment may reserve his speech.

Unless Conference shall otherwise determine by a vote of a majority of those present, no person shall speak for more than three minutes at any time in any debate of the Conference, provided always that the mover of a motion when introducing such motion may speak for five minutes.

Nothing contained in the preceding sub-paragraph shall apply to or prevent any explanation in response to a question being made with the consent of the President by any member moving the adoption of any report and such explanation shall not be deemed to be speeches within the meaning of this paragraph.

Unless determined by the President there shall be no detailed exposition of any such report.

Only one amendment shall be before the Conference at one time, but notices of other amendments may be given before the amendment is put from the Chair. Such amendments shall be taken in the order in which notice has been given.

The mover of a motion shall have the right of reply, but not the mover of an amendment. The reply must be limited to answering the arguments advanced against the motion.

No motion or resolution on any other subject shall be submitted until the one under consideration is disposed of. This may be done by withdrawal, adoption, rejection, or by one of the following:-

By an amendment, moving "The previous question", moving "The Order of the Day", Postponement, Reference to a Committee, Adjournment.

THE POWERS OF A LAY REPRESENTATIVE AT CONFERENCE

Question: Is a person elected to represent his Circuit at Conference morally or legally obliged to represent the opinions or decisions of the Circuit Quarterly Meeting: or, when such have not been ascertained to represent what he believes to be the majority opinion of

such Quarterly Meeting; or is such lay representative in all respects free to express himself according to his own beliefs and opinions and likewise to vote on any issue in accordance with his own convictions?

ANSWER: Conference members are representatives entitled to exercise their own judgment and not delegates instructed how to vote. It might well be that additional information on the matter under discussion at a Quarterly Meeting would be forthcoming during the Conference discussion and the representative should be free to take all factors into consideration. On the other hand, the matter under discussion might be so clearly defined as to enable the Quarterly Meeting to arrive at a definite conclusion, in which case the Meeting should appoint a representative in whom it has full confidence. It is thus clear that a representative is under a moral obligation to present the mind of the Quarterly Meeting appointing him, unless fresh information constrains him otherwise, but he is not bound legally to support the same.

And I do so rule.

(Presidential Ruling - Minutes of Conference 1946, Ruling 4, p.193).

PROCEDURES TO ENABLE THE BUSINESS OF CONFERENCE TO BE TAKEN "EN BLOC":

- (1) Committees of Detail of Conference will be asked to advise the Conference as to those reports/resolutions that can be presented to the Conference en bloc. On the recommendation of the Committees of Detail they will be put to the Conference en bloc. Reports/Resolutions to be taken en bloc will be clearly marked on the papers distributed to the Conference.
- (2) In order to safeguard the rights of members of Conference to speak on any report/resolution, any member may by simple request to the Chair, have removed from the "en bloc" procedures any report/resolution.

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MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE 1984

A. MINISTERS IN FULL CONNEXION

Eric W. Hames, M.A.

F. Gardner Brown
Gordon R.H. Peterson
A. Henry Voyce

George L. Laurensen, C.B.E.
Athol R. Penn

Charlie O. Hailwood

Leonard C. Horwood
Walter Parker

E. Clarence Leadley
M. Alexander McDowell, D.D.
J. Wesley Parker, E.D., M.A., B.D.

W.E. Allon Carr
William W.H. Greenslade, M.B.E.

Gordon Parker, M.A., Ph.D.
Herbert W. Payne
David O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D.

Reginald Day
William C. Jenkin

Ralph E. Patchett

George H. Goodman,
Andrew J. Johnston
Howard C. Matthews, B.A.

Clifford L. Duder
Robert Thornley, M.A., Dip. Soc. Sc.
Arthur R. Witheford, B.A.

Ian H.K. Hopper, B.A.

William R. Francis, B.A., B.D.
Leslie T. Norwell

William R. Laws, M.A., B.D.,
John Silvester, M.A.

Herbert A. Cochrane
Reginald Grice
Campbell P. Lucas, L.Th.
Charles B. Oldfield

John B. Dawson
Haddon C. Dixon, O.B.E., M.A., B.D.
Alan O. Jones

Charles H. Bell, B.A.
Harold K. Brown
Harold A. Darvill
Gordon V. Thomas, B.A.
J. Henry Woolford, M.A.

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William J. Morrison, M.A.
Leonard V. Willing

Stanley G. Andrews, M.A., Dip. Ed.
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Wilfred E. Falkingham, M.B.E.
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Robert H. Allen, B.A.
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1070 Hikurangi Union	-
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1120 Wellsford Co-op.	-
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2010 Auckland Central	- John Bonniface
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	-
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	-
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	- Winifred Murray
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2280 Whangaparaoa	- Mrs Pam Cole
2290 Mahurangi	- Mrs Lorraine Rimmer
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2310 Waterview	-
2320 East Coast Bays	-
2340 Auckland-Manukau Tongan	- Mr Molimea 'Ilolahia
2370 Auckland-Samoan	-
2510 Tamaki	- Wikitoria Anderson
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2410 Manukau North	- Mr Grant Wright
	- Mr Walter Pullar
	- Mrs Clementine Toeieiu
	- Mr Clarrie Wills
	- Mr Fred Norris
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2420 Manurewa	-
2430 Papakura	- Mrs Anna Beaumont
2440 Pukekohe	-
2450 Tuakau Union	-
2460 Waiuku	- B. Lawrence
2470 Bucklands Beach Co-op.	-

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3010 Thames Union	- Pat Bruce
3020 Hauraki Plains Co-op.	- John Cecil T. Mounsey
3030 Paeroa	- Catherine Dickie
3040 Waihi	-
3050 Te Aroha Co-op.	- Mr M.G. Hight
3060 Morrinsville	- Mr C.K. Sing
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3080 Hamilton	- Mr R. Manuata
	- Mrs D. Richards
	- Miss J. Beaumont
	-
3090 Raglan Union	-
3100 Hamilton East	- Gordon T. Dey
3110 Chartwell Co-op.	-
	-
3120 Ngaruawahia Union	-
3130 Huntly Co-op.	-
3140 Matamata Union	- Mr A.C. (Lex) Johnston

3150 Putaruru Co-op.	-
3160 Tokoroa	- Alesana Letoa
3170 Rotorua	- Mrs Doreen King
	-
3180 Taupo Union	-
3190 Western Bay of Plenty	- Alan Withy
	- Joyce Sides
3200 St James Union	-
3210 Te Puke	-
3220 Whakatane Co-op.	- Mrs Mavis Wightman
	-
3230 Kawerau	- Mr A.R. Spiers
3240 Opotiki Union	- Alan J. Young
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3260 Otorohanga	-
3270 Te Kuiti	-
3280 Taumarunui	- Mrs Rosalind Randle
3290 Turangi Co-op.	- Mr Mark Palmer
3300 Ohura	- David Harding
3310 Kawhia	-
3320 Coromandel	-
3330 Hillcrest Co-op.	- Mrs P. Anne Hunt
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3340 Pio Pio-Aria Mokau Co-op.	-
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4010 New Plymouth	- Mrs Margaret Drake
	- Mrs Jane Francis
	- Mr George Hutton
4020 Waitara	- Violet Grubner
4030 Stratford	-
4040 Eltham-Kaponga Co-op.	-
4050 Hawera	- June Gibson
4060 Manaia Union	-
4070 Opunake Co-op.	-
4080 Okato Co-op.	- Desmond A. Hill
4090 Wanganui	- Mr Les Fordyce
	- Mrs Noeline Fordyce
4110 Inglewood Union	-
4510 Taranaki-Waimarino	- Ms Juanita Bishop

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5010 Napier	- Mrs Marian Emsley
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5020 Hastings	-
5030 Flaxmere Co-op.	-
5040 Gisborne	- Mr S. Paulsen
5050 Mangapapa Union	-
5060 Presby./Meth.Par.Wairoa	- Mrs Jeanette Killip
5070 Dannevirke-Norsewood	- Lorna Cooper
5080 Woodville Union	- Mrs Pat Harding
5090 Pahiatua Union	-
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5120 Feilding-Oroua	- Mr G. Hart
5130 Marton	- Les Robinson
5140 Rongotea-Sanson Co-op.	-
5150 Foxton Union	-
5160 Tamatea Community Church	-
5170 Waipawa Co-op.	-
5180 Milson Community Church	-

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6010 Wellington Central	- Miss E. Brodie
	- Mr I.M. Crabtree
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6020 Wellington West	- Mrs Pearl Hart
6030 Wellington South Union	- Graham Brown
6040 Wellington East	-
6050 Miramar Co-op.	- Miss D.M. Lower
6060 Ngaio Union	-
6070 Johnsonville Union	- Gordon Little
6080 Newlands	-
6090 Porirua	-
6100 Plimmerton-Paekakariki	-
6110 Tawa Union	- Mr Bryan Duxfield
6120 Lower Hutt-Petone	- Mr S. Clarke
	- Mrs H. Froude
	- Mrs J. Harris
	- Mr R. Sullivan
6130 Taita Union	-
6140 Upper Hutt Co-op.	- Mr R. Fletcher Thomas
	- Mrs Beatrice A. McIver
	-
	-
6150 Wainuiomata Union	-
6160 Greytown St Andrews Union	- Mrs Jennifer Wheeler
6170 Featherston Union	-
6180 Carterton Union	-
6190 Masterton St Lukes Union	- Mrs H. Wright
	- Mr M. Tufuga

6200 St James Masterton Union	- Barry Arcus
6200 St James Masterton Union	-
6210 Eketahuna Union	-
6220 Levin	- R.C. Stantiall
6230 Otaki	-
6240 Kapiti Co-operating	- Mrs Jean R. Patchett
6250 Wellington-East (South Union)-	-
	-
6510 Ponake	-

NELSON DISTRICT - 7000

7010 Nelson	- John Lyth
	- Beverley Nock
7020 Nelson, St Lukes Union	- Mrs Jean Bruce
7030 Waimea	- Jean Chisnall
7040 Motueka-Moutere Hills Regional Co-op.	-
7060 Murchison	-
7070 Blenheim	- Lester F. Holdaway
	- Rodney J. Parkes
7080 Picton Union	-
7090 Reefton District Union	-
7100 Buller Union	-
7110 Greymouth District Union	- Mrs M. Ingram
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7120 Hokitika Union	- Elva Reynolds

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8020 Christchurch South	- Mrs Ann Hulston
8030 Christchurch East	- Mr L.E. Armstrong
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8040 New Brighton Union	-
8050 Sumner-Redcliffs Union	- Mr I. Newport
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8070 Lyttelton Harbour Union	-
8080 Christchurch (Opawa)	- John Baird
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8100 Christchurch (Spreydon)	- Mrs C.A. McNaughton
8110 Halswell Union	-
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8140 Christchurch (Papanui)	- Mrs Margaret Hamilton
	- Warren Hudson
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8160 Lincoln Union	-

8170 Leeston Co-op.	-
8180 Kaiapoi Co-op.	- Mrs E. Booth
8190 Rangiora	- Mrs D.M. Judson
8200 Malvern Co-op.	-
8210 Oxford District Union	-
8220 Parklands Co-op.	-
8230 Rolleston Combined	-
8510 Otautahi-Te Waipounamu	-

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8310 Timaru	- Jim Diack
	-
8330 St David's Marchwiell Union	-
8350 Waimate	- Chris Clarke
8360 Geraldine Co-op.	- Mrs Ruby Martin
8370 Temuka	-
8380 Ashburton	- Lynley White
	- John Van Eyk
8390 Allenton Union	-
8400 Oamaru Union	-

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	- Marion Kitchingham
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9040 West Harbour United	-
9050 West Dunedin Union	-
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	-
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9070 Grants Braes Union	-
9080 Tokomairiro Co-op.	- J.A. Stewart
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9090 Balclutha	-
9100 Gore	- Evelina Rogers
9110 Invercargill	- Mrs Joan Lawry
	- Mrs Iris Lankshear
9120 Riverton Union	- Mrs Dorothy Willis
9130 Otautau Union	- Mr R.F. Burnett
9140 Waiono Union	- W.A. Ronald
9150 Bluff Co-op.	-
9160 Teviot Union	-
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THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

R E P O R T S

FROM

CONNEXIONAL COMMITTEES

AND

B O A R D S

CHURCH COUNCIL'S REPORT TO
SYNODS AND CONFERENCE 1984
MAY MEETING

The Church Council convened at Trinity Church, Newtown, 1st May 1984, after General Purposes Committee had met, and prior to Finance and Stewardship Committee meeting.

The President, Mr Geoff Hill chaired the Council of 43 representatives, including five of the seven additional members provided for by appointment of Conference.

1. OUR UNDERSTANDING OF CATHOLICITY. The President had reflected that people were asking if we were as Catholic in practice and belief as we might be; and were there decisions of Conference over the past few years that hindered our being Catholic. Accordingly, he had asked Keith Rowe to interpret to the Council Wesley's Sermon on "The Catholic Spirit", and had invited Edgar Hornblow to the Council to represent a particular point of view.

Keith Rowe remarked on the slim part of the "Pastoral Letter" which referred to the Catholic Spirit, and of the need for us to talk it among ourselves. He also pointed to the Report on Diversity in the Church.* Considering the Sermon, given 200 years ago, what questions were addressed to us now, that we might listen to?

(i) Wesley was aware of the tendency of Christian people to divide, and to beat one another or write one another off - "prevent a narrowness of spirit" which would discount "any work of God, except among themselves."

(ii) He sought to create a new way of being Christian; while realising that we may indeed divide on a number of issues, we might affirm our fellowship and let that be the start of our debate, or discussion, or mission: "... union in affection."

(iii) He realised that the reports of God that people gave, varied; but there was common ground in common obedience to Christ. No one had any right to lay down conditions as to how another should believe - "to constrain another to walk by our rule."

(iv) "Is your faith filled with the energy of love?" was another starting point for conversation, which could mean being relaxed before the other person as the one whom God wants them to be. But it does not mean an indifference to other opinions, tradition, reason, or experience - "... a muddy understanding from a mind in a mist."

* 1975 Conference Minutes pp.84-89

The present task of congregations and the Church is to interpret this sermon in the twentieth century: offering a particular way of being Christian:

- * God is much bigger than our ideas of God
- * our neighbour is seen as one to share with, not one to overcome.
- * we hold to what and where we are, while recognising we do not hold the whole: the whole is larger than any one.

Methodists have no simple doctrinal statements: we operate rather, in relationships, in CONNEXION, having the evangelistic emphasis of John Wesley. There is a need to distinguish that catholicity is not individuality; it is possible to be so individual as to not be a good listener.

Edgar Hornblow: provided members of Church Council with a paper "Catholicity and New Zealand Methodism." Amongst other things, he raised the following:

* Christian Catholicity features

1. authority under one body of truth
2. availability of each other's power for one another
3. accountability to provide a succession of truth
4. diversity - of expression and ministry.

The Catholic spirit is incarnated: as prejudice is not a monopoly of theology, growth is preferred to survival and catholicity to separate development.

New Zealand Methodism is traditionally activist and this comparatively tiny Church, with a remnant mentality making us protective of what we have left, has difficulty in sensing the vast reaches of the "holy, catholic church". There is no capacity to accommodate extremes; especially when there is considered a 10% drift to other denominations in 10 years, and the move of Union Parishes diffusing Methodist loyalty. The capacity and viability of options are reduced. There is now a dominant, liberal group which needs to share its power, with a need to still survive with relevance. Catholicity must be realised in a time sequence: this catholicity is a relationship - "to whom is your power available" - with the confession that most are prejudiced. A mutually accountable community with shared leadership is the key to growth.

After the two presentations the President put to the Council the question "What issues does this topic raise for you?"

The whole Council broke into small groups, and discussed the question. The discussions were later reported back in the whole Council and recorded.

A nominated group of lay people, and a nominated group of Presbyters then considered these reports and in turn

The Lay Group duly reported:

a need to say to fellow lay-people:

- (i) encourage the sharing of responsibility with Presbyters - not to leave it all to the Presbyter
- (ii) encourage the discovery and use of peoples' gifts and skills (it was known that people had left because their significance was not recognised)
- (iii) take time to know each other at more depth - take time to do "people" things, for example at Parish Meetings.
- (iv) use facilitators early on where conflict might develop.

a need to say to Presbyters:

- beware the "one track" approach from the pulpit: it may mean a more consistent use of the Lectionary. Avoid hobby horses; strive for breadth of preaching.

The Presbyters reported

- (i) make a brief affirmation of diversity, suitable for printing in Bulletins: "you are part of us, we care". (It may be necessary to acknowledge past hurts and review covenant commitment.)
- (ii) provide a leaflet? - in the style of "Looking at Ourselves", "Pastoral Letter", dealing with "Living Together - coping with change and conflict" (to be available in porch or vestry, over a long period of time.)
- (iii) continuing education/training offered to Presbyters (for example March Ministerial Synods, Schools of Theology) dealing with how to cope with conflict in the Parish - when it is destructive; and how to encourage change - when it is required.
- (iv) encourage diversity of ministry at the local level by having and using more Self-supporting Presbyters.

The Council benefitted from the exploration of the theme.

Church Council now invites the whole Church to continue the discussion and exploration of the Wesleyan emphasis on "the Catholic Spirit".

Church Council seeks responses from Synods to this Report and suggestions as to ways in which the Catholic Spirit might be encouraged.

BI-CULTURAL CHURCH: Rev. Barry Jones reported on progress to date on Power Sharing. A Joint Working Committee set up by the Development Division and Maori Division was working in two areas:

1. the whole process of reporting to Parishes the issues of the bi-cultural Church. Plans for a bi-monthly newsletter "Passport" were described, and also for a video.

2. raising awareness of bi-culturalism; especially by a resource kit, for Parishes; available for 5 years to around 36 Parishes per year.

Seminars on Bi-culturalism (now preferred as the title to "Power Sharing") had been held and more were planned, especially for influential and key people.

The Maori Division reported on its Seminar, which had enabled the testing out of a pool of people resources and facilitators; had raised awareness and brought some change; and had confirmed that for the Maori Division, bi-culturalism indicated a need to be more deliberate in the Maori Division realising its own goals set in 1977.

Church Council acknowledged that all that was reported had significant Budget implications which would come before the Finance and Stewardship Committee.

EXAMINATION OF DIVISIONAL STRUCTURES

Arising from the consideration in General Purposes Committee of the designation of the Superintendent of the Development Division had been questions of a merger with the Education Division or a complete review of the Divisions. As this was a policy matter it was considered by Church Council.

It was soon established that there was a need being expressed; that any review, while being objective did need some reflection by the Divisions; and that those "out there", at the receiving end of Divisional work must be part of any review. It was remarked that it would be helpful at the commencement of any review to go back to Synod Reports to the source of the energy that generated the concerns being expressed.

Church Council resolved:

1. That in the light of District concerns about Divisional Structures and objectives, Conference initiate a review of Divisional Structures and objectives, beginning in 1985, with an initial report to Synods and Conference 1985.
2. That a sub-committee appointed by the President after consultation, prepare a report and recommendations to the October meeting of Church Council regarding the objectives and processes of the review.

NEXT MEETING: it was suggested that the October Meeting should provide some space for some process questions.

REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE 1984
OF FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING AT TRINITY CHURCH, NEWTOWN,
WEDNESDAY, 2nd MAY, 1984

The President, Mr Geoff Hill, presided at the meeting of 41 members. It was acknowledged that the Committee was without the services of a Finance Manager.

SETTING CONNEXIONAL BUDGET 1984/85: After the Committee had been appraised of the level of stipend from 1st April 1984; and the CPI increase for the year ended 31/3/1984 of 3.5%; it was suggested, and agreed, that Districts should indicate their expected level of response for the ensuing year and that this become the figure of increase. When this was done it provided around 7% increase.

The Committee having considered the information and representations from the various Divisions, and the other fundings that were available agreed to the following:

CONNEXIONAL BUDGET	1983/84 Connex- ional Budget	1984/85 Connex- ional Budget
Connexional Expenses Fund	77,921	89,566
Education Division	77,125	53,094
" " (Budget/Stewardship Pmtn)	1,250	-
Churches Education Commission	5,770	5,985
Board of Administration (Investment Board)	58,690	58,270
" " " (Budget promotion material)	2,500	2,650
Development Division	108,845	128,955
Development Fund	-	-
Commission on Church Union and)		
Commission on Co-operative Ventures)	7,910	8,306
Facilitating Bi-Cultural Church	-	8,613
Maori Division	138,778	182,406
Trinity Theological College		
Home Setting Study Programme	29,192	16,213
Council of Mission & Ecumenical Co-operation		
- Methodist Share	252,020	244,520
World Council of Churches	2,573	2,730
Programme Combat Racism World Council of Churches	630	670
Christian Conference of Asia	640	680
Pacific Conference of Churches	515	545
World Council of Churches Central Committee		
- Travel Vercoe	-	400
National Council of Churches	12,281	13,658
National Council of Churches University Chaplaincies	13,120	13,492

National Council of Churches Programme to		
Combat Racism N.Z.	7,350	7,790
Overseas Travel Fund	1,575	1,670
Study Travel Overseas	--	4,450
World Methodist Council	368	390
Overseas Aid 2% Parish contribution to		
Connexional Budget 84/85	13,219	17,412
E.S.O.D.	700	-
Media & Communications "FOCUS"	22,540	34,593
Power Sharing Seminar	3,230	-
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TOTALS	838,742	897,076
LESS Special Account contribution	25,732	26,528
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	813,010	870,548
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DISTRICT ALLOCATIONS as agreed:

	REMOVAL FUND	1984/85 BUDGET FUND	DISTRICT SHARE
Northland	1,313	20,730	22,043
Auckland	8,522	140,080	148,602
Manukau	3,537	57,717	61,254
Waikato-Bay of Plenty	4,850	131,722	136,572
Taranaki-Wanganui	2,787	56,428	59,215
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	4,181	96,700	100,881
Wellington	3,725	103,605	107,330
Nelson	1,929	38,700	40,629
North Canterbury	6,593	134,866	141,459
South Canterbury	1,608	37,700	39,308
Otago-Southland	2,626	52,300	54,926
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District Contributions	41,671	870,548	912,219
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Special A/c Contribution		26,528	26,528
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		897,076	938,747
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OTHER CONNEXIONAL FUNDINGS were reported, as available, and eventually distributed as follows:

	Amounts available	Distributed:
(i) from PAC held in Reserve from end 1983 financial year 1984 Grant	20,800 45,000 <hr/> \$65,800	to support of Education Division work.
(ii) Undesignated legacies from 1981	\$ 3,021.92	\$1,000 to Wesley Histori- cal Society South Pacific Regional Conference.
(iii) Balance Provident Society	\$ 5,519.00	towards facilitating Bi-Cultural Church.

REMOVAL EXPENSES: it was agreed that the per member levy remain the same as the previous year at \$2.68; and on tentative membership figures supplied it was agreed that the levy be \$41,674.

The need for Districts to consult with Methodist Parishes, with Co-operating Ventures, and with Presbyteries (and Synods) was stressed as the means to finally achieve 100% response.

BUDGET PROMOTION: encouragement was given to the proposal for another supplement in FOCUS.

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PROPOSALS FOR CONNEXIONAL FINANCIAL APPEAL

The Committee received the report that Trinity College Council intends to proceed on renovating the property acquired for lay training, and approved and supported the Council's intention to approach certain Trusts for assistance with the capital costs.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LAY PREACHER'S ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 1984

ACCREDITATION CERTIFICATES.

LONG SERVICE DIPLOMAS.

To ensure that the correct procedures, qualifications, and information necessary, have been implemented and confirmed to enable Certificates and Diplomas to be issued has entailed considerable correspondence.

The procedure for Accreditation is contained in the Law Book, Section 1 - paragraph 8.

The procedure for Long Service Diplomas was published in our report to Conference 1983.

Our warm thanks are extended to Mrs. Marcia Baker, the Connexional Archivist, for the time and effort she has expended in searching past records to find the date of accreditation of those of our preachers accredited before December 1954 and who are unable, themselves, to confirm that date.

Our thanks are extended to those of our membership who willingly act on our behalf in those areas where there is no District Executive, and who assist with, and participate in, reception services for newly accredited Lay Preachers and presentation ceremonies of Long Service Diplomas.

There appears to be a resurgence of the Spirit of the Living God moving through our Church as reflected in the growing interest in, and commitment to, preaching of the Good News, the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

ACCREDITATION CERTIFICATES:

We have welcomed as Accredited Lay Preachers of the Methodist Church -

Susannah BROBYN	Wainuiomata Union
Dan DOLEJS	Nelson
Doris ELPHICK	Whangarei Uniting Church
John Anthony GIBSON	East Coast Bays
John Victor GOOSE	Upper Hutt Co-operating
Paul Douglas JENSEN	Ashburton
Rae E. LIST	Manukau North
Raewyn Merle LUXTON	Manurewa
Maurice MAKINSON	New Brighton Union
Malofou MOLESI	St. Luke's Union - Masterton
Kenneth NELSON	Wellington West
Brian N. SMALL	Napier
Asosi TAUPAU	Wellington Central
Bernard WOOD	East Coast Bays
Margaret Anne ZIEGLER	Manurewa

LONG SERVICE DIPLOMAS:

Long Service Diplomas in recognition of faithful and often unsung service to our Lord and Master were presented to -

25 years - Alan W. Scott	Stoke's Valley, Lower Hutt
25 years - Kenneth E. WOODERSON	Morrinsville
26 years - Karl TUINUKUAFE	Devonport
35 years - Nancy Pearl CARTER	Mangere Bridge
36 years - Desmond Arthur HILL	Okato
36 years - Ivan J. WHYLE	Mt. Eden
40 years - Winifred HONEY	Stoke Nelson
45 years - Hubert F.K. HAYMAN	Papanui

LAY PREACHER TRAINING:

LAOS Course.

During the year the Education Division decided to replace the examination at the conclusion of the Worship 2 course by a system of assessment which was not contested. However, at mid-year a revised syllabus and format for the Old Testament 1 and Old Testament 2 studies was released and implemented without warning or consultation. Included in that package was the replacement of tutorial oversight and examination on a national level by control of studies, and assessment only, on a local level. The Education Division agreed to reverse that decision, to revert to the original study syllabus and to circularise all interested parties for comment. At the time of writing the submissions are still under consideration by the Division.

Post-accreditation Training.

A proposal that a Lay Preacher Diploma study course be set up was well received by the Education Division. The suggested course content could include advanced studies on the Old Testament and New Testament with possibly a study on comparative religions, and advance stage of Theology, and a section on Pastoral Care. A suggestion that the new Methodist Education Centre at St. Helier's Bay could be involved was another possibility. We still await further comment from the Education Division on the proposal.

LAW REVISION:

The presentation of the Law Book has been designed to give greater flexibility of interpretation and to reduce the content matter to the minimum necessary for effective management of the Church. Your Dominion Executive has grappled with these requirements for the past two years and there are still one or two matters still to be resolved.

Accreditation procedure originally omitted was replaced by Conference 1983.

Further submissions during the current year are to be considered by Conference 1984 for inclusion.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVES:

During the year we became aware that a District Executive operates in South Canterbury. The President/Secretary, resident in Geraldine, is Mrs. Ruby Martin.

Sad news and glad news have come from the North Canterbury Executive - In the early hours of New Year's Day 1984 George Whitlam, President, was gathered into his Master's care.

Keith Knox, Secretary, has been posted to the staff of the Police College in Wellington where he will lecture to the senior courses. He takes up his duties in mid-September.
The Executive Officers now are:

President - Mr. B. Smith

Secretary - Mr. P. Carter 24 Stavely Road, Christchurch

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

In response to considerable concern expressed by members at and after the 1983 Annual General Meeting at the lack of time available to adequately discuss matters raised, and to raise matters of interest to the members, the Executive considered possible alternative meeting arrangements to overcome these objections. Of all the alternatives considered there appeared to be none better than that existing, of meeting during Conference when a countrywide representation of Lay Preachers are gathered at one place at one time.

Representations were made to the Secretary of Conference to allocate Saturday afternoon and evening to the Lay Preachers' Association AGM. Unfortunately this time has been scheduled for Conference business. However, we have been promised sympathetic consideration in the usual timing of Wednesday tea and early evening.

FINANCE:

This year, to 30th June, the income was \$370 from subscriptions and \$615 from investment income. Expenditure was \$150 for Book Tokens, \$114 for postage, \$98 for expenses and printing one issue of 'The Preacher' \$74. This gave a credit balance for the year of \$549.

As we involve more members around the country with reception services and presentation ceremonies it was felt right that petrol costs should be re-imbursed for those activities. It is anticipated that increasing fuel costs will start to show in our expenditure account before long.

For the Executive -

G.E. Simpson - President

A.R. Speirs - Secretary

A. Bettany - Treasurer

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the report be received.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 1984

We have pleasure in presenting the 21st Annual Report of the N.Z. Methodist Women's Fellowship. In February 1985 the Fellowship will come of age and we can feel a large measure of satisfaction at all that has been accomplished since the N.Z. Methodist Women's Missionary Union and Women's Guilds combined and invited the Fireside groups to join them in forming the M.W.F. in 1963.

The objects of the Fellowship are to promote by worship, study and service, the spiritual and social life of its members so that they may make a Christian witness in home, church and community, and to support the work of the Church at home and abroad. These have been very worthily upheld. Groups everywhere are striving to meet the increasing search for a greater spiritual depth in the lives of members.

The Executive has continued to be responsible for the organisation of the Fellowship and with keeping members informed through Bulletins and President's Letters. Visits to Districts have been fitted in wherever possible and by the end of this year the President will have been able to visit or meet with representatives from all of our nineteen Districts during her term of office. Executive members have joined her in a number of these visits.

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership figures last year were 5348 members from nineteen districts, and we had 265 Fellowships making up 386 groups. A large number of these groups come within Union Parishes and Districts and work well, having lost their Methodist or Presbyterian label and truly become one in Christ. Final membership figures for this year are not in but indications are that they will remain similar.

TRIBUTES:

During the year we have been sad to lose members who had contributed much to the life of the Fellowship at District or national level and tributes will be made at our Convention.

DISTRICT COUNCILS:

Councils have been very supportive of the National Executive and responded to all challenges and requests. Any feelings of doubt about the effectiveness and life of the Fellowship are dispelled on reading the Annual Reports from the Districts. Support for local churches and the wider community is evident everywhere, and care and concern for others is reflected in what has been achieved. Programmes have been varied and cater well for all age groups but we still have the problem of how to attract the younger women of our congregations as members. Many churches have alternative groups gathering at different times from the usual M.W.F. meeting. Lunch-time and tea-time groups are popular; Saturday and Sunday meetings go well in some places; others meet weekly for about six weeks for Bible Study or other intensive work, and then have a month's break before reconvening. There is no magic in a regular monthly meeting

and those brave enough to experiment are gaining numbers.

FINANCE:

The amount raised through Stamps and Coupons this year shows an increase over last year's figure and totalled \$6,761. The Medical and Educational Fund received \$2,791.

Again this year we feel humbled by the wonderful contributions made by Fellowships everywhere to the work of the church. Through their efforts they have contributed over \$30,000 to Church Budgets, local Church Trusts received over \$37,000, and other Church Bodies such as Children's Homes, Central Missions, etc. received almost \$12,000. Over \$22,000 was given to other organisations and appeals covering a wide field.

The remarkable total of these combined amounts is well over \$100,000 and reflects in very large measure the depth of loving and caring expressed for the church and for others, both within New Zealand and overseas.

SPECIAL OBJECTIVE:

This year for the first time we have had a Combined Special Project with the Association of Presbyterian Women. Focus for the project was 'Rehabilitim' - scheme for the rehabilitation of disabled young people in Indonesia organised by a New Zealander, Colin McLennan.

Appreciation has been expressed by Union groups everywhere at the opportunity to work for just one special appeal, and we know that there has been a great deal of co-operation between A.P.W. and M.W.F. groups to raise money for this project. The Methodist total of nearly \$32,000 has been more than we ever hoped for and indicates the enthusiasm with which this joint appeal was received. The A.P.W. figure collected was over \$36,000 so the combined proceeds are really gratifying and will be a most worthwhile contribution to the Rehabilitim project. It has also meant that members are now very well informed about this project and we feel sure that interest in the work of Rehabilitim will continue.

Our Special Objective next year will be another awareness-raising programme in the main, although there will be an opportunity for raising money also. In response to the 1983 Conference call to work towards a Bi-cultural Church over the next ten years, we have chosen a programme of study that we hope will direct the thoughts of members towards the bringing together of two cultures, Maori and pakeha, looking at our origins and the things that we value from our heritage and finding in Christ the way towards a bi-cultural church. Any finance raised is to be directed towards the church archives to assist with work that is necessary to preserve bi-cultural records of our history and achievements.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OCTOBER 1983:

For the first time in the history of the Fellowship we held a live-in Council Meeting - venue was the Cracroft Centre, Cashmere, Christchurch. District Presidents and National Executive enjoyed a stimulating three days, following the theme of 'Venturing'. Being in Christchurch opportunity was made to take Council members on a visit to the Connexional Office to see the work of the Administration Division, something that we felt was a valuable public relations exercise and appreciated by all.

CONVENTION 1984 will also be a live-in occasion at Gunn's Bush, Waimate, and we look forward to this Convention as it will be the first one to feature an overseas speaker, invited specially for the occasion. This is made possible through the Smethurst Fund; Sister Joan Chatfield, Director of the Institute for Religion and Social Change, Honolulu, has been our choice for this first venture. South Canterbury District will host the Convention and an energetic committee has plans well in hand.

NATIONAL PROGRAMME COMMITTEE:

The report from this Committee emphasises the value of the involvement of a small District in this way, and the enthusiasm of the Westland/Buller committee under the convenorship of Rosalie Sugrue has led to another successful year. Sales of programmes have increased steadily and there has been no shortage of ideas for fresh topics. Convenorship of the Committee will pass to Shirley Bridge in Dargaville after Convention and she will gather a committee from the Northland area.

KURAHUNA:

This year's report indicates a greater number of applications for assistance being received than ever before, and the Committee have had to decrease the amounts for grants to be able to keep within their income. The dwindling value of income due to interest reduction has been a concern and the Committee is grateful to the Smethurst Committee for a grant of \$2000. Most grants are for career training after girls leave school, which the Committee feels is very satisfying.

SMETHURST:

Sixty one grants have been made in the year, covering a wide field of applicants and for a variety of projects. Maori, European and Polynesian women and girls have received assistance with things like travel to seminars and conferences, text books, home study and live-in courses. The Committee strives to uphold the spirit of the Smethursts' bequest in considering requests and are encouraged by the appreciation of those whom they are able to help through this fund. Assistance with fares was given for Pacific Island and N.Z. delegates to the World Federation of Methodist Women's Area Seminar in Melbourne in February.

MISSIONS:

As always members of the Fellowship continue to take an interest in and support our overseas workers and students in the theological college - something which is very much appreciated by the recipients. The Student Adoption Scheme and Mission Associate Scheme are both working well and we are grateful to those who give oversight to these important areas. Our Mission Convenor, Marcia Baker, is well in touch with all developments concerning Missions and we appreciate the way she has kept us informed on the changeover to the Council for Overseas Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation.

CORSO:

We have been kept up to date with developments within Corso by Diana Roberts, and are particularly grateful to her for her deep

interest in Corso and the way she has represented us. Her report of the Annual Assembly held in August covers the developments within Corso and the concerns felt about its future.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN:

Fellowship members around N.Z. continue to take an active part in N.C.W. affairs and Rosalie Johnson has attended meetings of the Christchurch Branch as our representative. Local and national issues have been considered and the Christian viewpoint upheld by those who represent us. As the Decade for Women draws to an end, all M.W.F. members are urged to consider the benefits to women that have occurred during this time, and to further the opportunities and wellbeing of women in the future.

WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN:

Highlight for the year came in February when twenty members, including three from Te Roopu Wahine, attended the South Pacific Area Seminar, held at Queen's College, Melbourne University. The theme was 'New Dimensions in Christian Living - Faith, Development and Peace' and provided a challenge to all who attended. The World President, Mrs Oknah Kim Lah, was present and later visited N.Z. when she was able to meet many M.W.F. members as she travelled through the country. A carved Maori treasure box was given to her to mark her visit and we are indebted to Rev. Napi Waaka for such a beautiful gift. Our Federation correspondent, Shona Mangels, advises that the next Assembly of the World Federation will be in Nairobi in July 1986 and it's hoped that we will be able to have representatives there.

TE KOMITI WHAITI O TE ROOPU WAHINE:

Doreen Hill, Noeline Hoddinott and Diana Roberts attended the Hui Huinga held at Waitomo in May and enjoyed again the warm hospitality and friendliness of the T.R.W. members.

JOINT COMMITTEE OF WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS (of the Negotiating Churches):

Two meetings have been held during the year with discussions covering a wide range of subjects. This year a statistics form for joint use in union groups was used and comments received so far indicate that it has been well received. Distribution to all union groups in the South Island was covered by M.W.F. and the A.P.W. distributed to North Island groups, thus avoiding duplication of some of the paper work involved. The Joint Special Project with A.P.W. has also been most successful and it's hoped that a Combined Project with all churches may follow later.

As we come to the end of our term as National Executive we wish to give thanks for the spirit that exists throughout the Fellowship, for the support and co-operation we have experienced from members everywhere, and for the friendships we have made over these two years. We feel that the Fellowship is in good heart and extend sincere good wishes to Margaret Gordon and her Executive from the Auckland District as they take up office. May God bless and guide them in all they do.

DOREEN HILL - President
HAZEL WATERS - Secretary

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That this report be received.
2. That all church members be encouraged to take part in the Bible Studies and Special Objective programme 'Finding in Christ the way towards a bi-cultural church'.

ARMED SERVICES CHAPLAINCY

The Armed Services Chaplaincy Committee met in Wellington on two occasions during the year both meetings coinciding with the Chaplains' Dominion Advisory Council to save travel expenses.

REGULAR FORCE CHAPLAINCY. Some considerable years have elapsed since the Methodist Church has had two chaplains serving in the Army at the one time.

John Manihera serves at Burnham Military Camp having shifted to that Camp from Linton mid 1983. John has a contribution to make within the Armed Services and he does this in a very acceptable way. His present extension of time ends in January 1985 and he would like to have another extension of 4 years. Consultations have been held on this request and a resolution regarding this is at the conclusion of the report.

Bob Short was inducted into Armed Service Chaplaincy on 26th October at a most significant service held in the Linton Camp Chapel. Bob has settled into the task of Chaplaincy extremely well and reports of his work are most encouraging. Because of age, the likelihood of Bob serving for a longer period than 4 years is remote. A resolution regularising the appointment is at the conclusion of the report.

TERRITORIAL FORCE CHAPLAINCY. While expressing pleasure that the Methodist Church has two Presbyters serving as Regular Force Chaplains the same cannot be expressed in terms of T.F. Chaplaincy. At the moment we have no active T.F. Chaplains which is regrettable. There was a time when a number of Methodist Presbyters were attached to T.F. units throughout New Zealand. Other denominations (especially the Salvation Army) have no difficulty in filling the positions offered to them for they see the need for the Church to be represented where people are. The Committee, through the Senior Chaplain, would like to hear of Presbyters who are prepared to serve the Church in this way.

Mervyn L. Dine (Senior Chaplain)
John S. Hosking (Chairperson)

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Chaplains for 1985 be:-
 - (a) Full-time:- The Revs. John I. Manihera & Robert D. Short
(Army)
 - (b) Part-time:- The Revs. Mervyn L. Dine & B.W. Neal.

3. That the Rev. J.I. Manihera be given a one year extension to 31st January 1986, to serve as an R.F. Chaplain in the N.Z. Army.
4. That the Rev. R.D. Short be appointed a Regular Force Chaplain to serve in the N.Z. Army for an initial period to 31st January 1988.
5. That the representatives on the Regional Advisory Committee be:-
 Northern: M.L. Dine Central: J.S. Hosking
 Southern: J.I. Manihera
6. That the Committee for 1985 be:-
 Rev. J.S. Hosking (Chairperson) Revs. M.L. Dine & R.D. Short,
 Messrs. J.B. McKinney, D.J. Sellens, H.F. Hart, Group Captain Thorpe
 (plus others to be nominated at Conference).

WESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (N.Z.)

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 1984

The main feature of the year has been the settling down of the new team of leaders who have taken over in succession to Revs. George Laurenson and Les Gilmore. The only change in personnel was the return to USA of Rev. Dr. J. Stuart which leaves a vacancy on the executive. Our membership is stable at about 330 with an encouraging number of new members to replace losses. Valuable contact has been maintained with sister societies such as the Presbyterian Historical Society in New Zealand, the World Methodist Historical Society in USA and the Wesley Historical Society in Britain.

PUBLICATIONS:

- 1) Five proceedings have been issued which could be a record. This makes a total of 97 since their beginnings in 1941. They were -
 - (a) Vol.37 - 'THE DECISIVE DECADE' by I. Faulkner about Auckland Central Mission in the 1930s.
 - (b) Vol.40 - 'THE SAGA OF THE PROBERT TRUST' by E.W. Hames.
 - (c) Vol.41 - 'THE SEARCH FOR UNITY' by J.J. Lewis, A.K. Petch and R.D. Rakena.
 - (d) Vol.42 - 'NEW ZEALANDERS & THE METHODIST EVANGEL' by P. Lineham.
 - (e) Vol.43 - 'THE BAINBRIDGE STORY' by J.B. Dawson, by arrangement with the Trust of the Bainbridge Church, Rotorua.
- 2) Those in course of preparation are -
 - (a) The first of a JOURNAL type of Proceeding as an experiment which was approved by the 1983 Annual Meeting.
 - (b) One about Sister Lina Jones by G.G. Carter.
 - (c) One about the history of connexional finances by Dr. D.J. Janus as a sequel to 'INHERITANCE' by H.L. Fiebig, published in 1965.
- 3) Arrangements have been made with Mr G.C. Buckley, the author of 'OF TOFFS & TOILERS' which has a large Methodist content, that all sales made through the Society will add to our funds.

ANNUAL MEETING 1983:

This was held at Takapuna with our President, Rev. Wesley Chambers in the chair. The amount of business, lunch and the Annual Lecture made for rather a rushed meeting in the time available. The Annual Lecture was a most interesting presentation of aspects of the history of Church Union negotiations in N.Z. so far, a combined effort by Rev. W.J. Morrison and N.E. Brookes who undertook this at short notice because of the death of Rev. A.K. Petch who had been originally planned.

FINANCIAL:

The general funds are in a satisfactory state though it can be noted that at 30 June nearly \$600 was outstanding from unpaid subs. The last Annual Meeting decided to raise the sub to \$8 per annum. The Les Gilmore and Frank Smith Memorial Funds have resulted in the sum of \$3000 being invested with the Methodist Trust Association.

GENERAL:

- 1) SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE - Because of various difficulties, it was felt that we could not proceed with the planning of this for May 1985. The World Methodist Historical Society has been notified that we desired a postponement and they have suggested 1987 as a likely year.
- 2) ARCHIVES - The premises for the Auckland branch are now ready and good progress is being made with its establishment under the guidance of Rev. G.G. Carter, our Chairman. Our Society has been given space here for our own use.
- 3) CONSTITUTION - Work on revising this is proceeding and the executive has approved the changes suggested by a sub-committee. It is hoped to have this ready for next Annual Meeting.

Wesley A. Chambers - President
David G. Roberts - Secretary

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That the report be received.

FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE

REPORT TO CONFERENCE

This is predominantly a report on "work in progress". However, the Committee is seeking approval to proceed with the Short Order for Holy Communion in the Home, and presents some statements from the newly-formed Sub-Committee on Charismatic Renewal. We also invite responses and samples of services from individuals and parishes in regard to Baptism and Holy Communion.

COMMUNION

The Committee is working towards providing alternative forms of service and resource material for:

1. A short order for Holy Communion in the home. This is printed below.
The three Methodist Hospital Chaplains in the Auckland District will be producing a short, appropriate order for bedside Communion, particularly those who are ill in hospitals or at home.
2. An 'all age' Communion order for intimate occasions and settings such as family and/or youth camps, house church groups, etc.
3. Resource material for an indigenous Communion Service. The Committee appeals again to ministers and worship committees to forward copies of experimental forms of service and other resource material which would assist us in this.

A SHORT ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION IN THE HOME

This service is for the use of gatherings of two or three people celebrating Holy Communion in, for example, a private home. It uses both the familiar language of the Church Service and some words more suited to a less formal setting. No rubrics are provided; the celebrant should encourage participants to join in speaking as seems appropriate at the time.

PREPARATION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may truly love you and worthily praise your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We have come together to hear God's word and to meet our Lord in the communion of his body and blood. Let us, therefore, examine ourselves seeking God's grace that we might come to him in repentance and faith:

Lord God, we have not loved you with all our heart; we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves; we have not loved one another as

you have loved us.
Have mercy on us.

(Silence)

Hear the word of grace: God's mercy never ends. In the name of Jesus Christ you/we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the Bible

A reflection or meditation

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND FOR OURSELVES

Our world Our Country Our neighbourhood The church everywhere Our own church Our own families People who are sick in distress those who care for them Ourselves

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father in heaven,
holy be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily
bread
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who
sin against us.
Do not bring us
to the test
but deliver us from evil.

MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

May God's peace be with us.
We bring bread and wine and our very selves to be used for God's service and glory.

Let us pray: Loving God, we praise you and thank you for the beauty of the earth, for the wonderful diversity of people you have placed upon it, and for our own lives which come from you. Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

You are always thinking and caring about us. We are your

people; you never forget us. Often we stumble and sometimes we fall but by the power of his resurrection Jesus lifts us up so that we might be together until the end of time. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

You are close to us and are active in our midst. You come to us constantly in your Spirit - renewing and refreshing us and the whole of your creation. Welcome, Holy Spirit!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

Lord God, we remember that on the night before he died Jesus was sharing a Passover meal with his disciples. He took bread, and after giving thanks, broke⁺ it, and gave it to his disciples saying,

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he took the cup⁺ after supper and said,

"This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

So, Lord, it is our joy and our privilege to respond to Jesus' invitation: to eat and drink in memory of him; to celebrate that, in Christ, we are your people; to give thanks for his life so freely given for us. Amen.

+ The body of Christ; broken for you.

+ The blood of Christ; shed for you.

BENEDICTION

May the grace and peace of God which passes all understanding be with us now and always. Amen.

BAPTISM

The Committee is doing background work on issues relating to baptism, preparatory to putting together study material on baptism and producing a new baptismal order.

We re-affirm the statements made in our reports to Conference in 1974 (pp 281-287) and 1981 (pp 259-261). These continue to underlie our approach to baptism. We also note some issues which we believe are of real relevance now, and ask individuals and parishes to reflect on these and respond to the Committee.

1. Greater involvement of lay persons. Regular celebration of baptism in the setting of parish worship emphasises the community nature of the act, and the sense of involvement of the

whole people. That could be helpfully strengthened by greater involvement of persons from the congregation in preparation of parents or candidates for baptism, in the baptism service itself, and in the follow-up of families. This is being emphasised in some Churches, and is the norm in Churches such as the Uniting Church in Australia, with elders playing a key role. We believe this is important.

2. The use of symbols. Symbols and symbolic actions enhance what we do. Baptism always uses the symbolism of water in some way. Some are experimenting with different ways of doing that - such as pouring the water into the font as part of the service - others are using symbols such as a candle. We believe there is room for a deepening of the symbolism associated with baptism.
3. The wholeness of Christian initiation. Baptism, receiving Holy Communion, and Confirmation belong together. They are the ways we signify a person's incorporation into the life of the Church, the Body of Christ. Many Churches worldwide are searching for ways of expressing the unity of these aspects of Christian initiation. One thing we have said is that baptism is the basic entry into the community of faith, and therefore entitles the baptised person (of whatever age) to receive Communion. We believe that is a worthwhile move, and we are looking to strengthen the relationships between baptism, receiving communion, and confirmation.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

The Sub-Committee has met three times during the year, and the Faith and Order Committee responds positively to reports from those meetings. We wish to draw the attention of the whole Church to the Report on "Charismatic Renewal" in the 1975 Minutes of Conference (pp163-4), and ask that this be re-affirmed. At the same time, we acknowledge a diversity in the Charismatic movement. There are at present in New Zealand at least 4 different groups in the Pentecostal Churches and the Charismatic movement:

1. Classical Pentecostal denominations;
2. New Independent Pentecostal Churches;
3. Within the Methodist Church, those who are:
4. Restless pentecostals, uneasy with the Church, and accepting the Biblical and Theological stance of Classical Pentecostal denominations; and
Charismatics accepting the polity and doctrine of the Methodist Church, and seeking continual renewal of the Church.

The latter have chosen to remain in the fellowship of the Methodist Church and to be active members in it. We need to make opportunity to grow in our understanding and acceptance of each other.

The Sub-Committee also brings to the Church the following statements they have made on Integrating Charismatic Worship into Parish Life and on Personal and Social Dimensions of Faith.

INTEGRATING CHARISMATIC WORSHIP INTO PARISH LIFE

Diversity of worship can enrich the spirituality of a Congregation and meet the varied needs of people.

For some people, Charismatic worship allows a more active participation than present, established patterns.

Reducing worship to what is acceptable to everybody can hinder Church life and spiritual growth.

Defensiveness on the part of a few towards new experiences need not hold back a Congregation from developing new forms.

It takes time to adapt to, or feel secure in new ways of participating in worship.

Here Are Eight Guidelines

1. Exploration and practical teaching could prepare a congregation to accept new expressions.
2. Too many new things at once can be unhelpful and some continuity is important.
3. Musical tastes vary. Different styles need to be respected.
4. Seating and environment may need adapting.
5. Physical movement such as creative dance or raising/clapping hands, should be done with sensitivity and meaning.
6. Gifts of the Spirit like prophecy, speaking in tongues and interpretation, singing in the Spirit, may develop differently in different congregations. For example, at alternative services, or in house-church meetings, as well as the main worship services. (Guidelines for the ordering of spiritual gifts in worship are being prepared by the Faith and Order Committee).
7. Intentional pastoral care can help to defuse conflict. A relationship of trust between minister and people is crucial to meaningful change.
8. Lay people can assist new initiatives where a minister feels unable to lead worship in a particular style. Openness, encouragement and mutual support between minister and lay people, can enable charismatic worship to be effective.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL DIMENSIONS OF FAITH

Jesus highlighted two key commandments: "Love God and love your neighbour". Either one of these on its own is an inadequate expression of Christian faith. Social action and personal spiritual experience and growth must go together in individual Christian life and in the life of any Christian community.

Because of interest or past experience or natural gifts, many persons will incline in one direction. Yet the two dimensions must find some expression. Within the whole church community, both must be expressed in a full and balanced way. The call is to accept and affirm the emphasis of others, while striving for a total expression of the gospel.

The Charismatic Movement provides an emphasis on and a way of expressing the love and worship of God. Spiritual and worship resources and vitality are a major contribution of the movement to the whole

Church. A deep spirituality is a necessity for all, and the Charismatic Movement challenges at that point. At the same time, all need the challenge from those who emphasise social action to a broad involvement within the community. Many charismatic persons experience their relationship with God as strengthening and purifying their relationship with others, and can make it possible to accept others whose positions are different.

A third commandment of Jesus is that we love one another. The call is to tolerance and understanding across the range of experiences in the church. Yet very often our experiences of other groups close us off to hearing what they say. And the language and imagery and concepts are different, and often impede real communication. We need to break through that, so we can recognise the spiritual expression of those who emphasise social action, and the social involvement of those who centre on worship and spirituality.

We are challenged:

1. To deepen our spiritual life and expression ("Love God").
2. To expand our involvement with persons and our action in society ("Love your neighbour").
3. To open ourselves to dialogue with those we see as different ("Love one another").

ORDER FOR A SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS

A number of people have found this Order helpful. It has made it possible for worship which focuses on healing to take place where otherwise prebys and others would be unsure of how to approach this. Expressions of its value lead the Committee to believe a revision would be helpful, and would like to have this on its list to begin thinking about.

RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE

After further consideration on the Working Paper, sent to Synods last year, and Synod reactions to it, the Committee has come to the conclusion that we need to take stock of the present situation in the life of the Church before proceeding any further in this direction. We are, therefore, suggesting that we prepare a statement which sets out the criteria for Christian religious experience. Such a statement would seek to set forth in fairly broad and general terms the underlying foundations of the Faith and Life of the Church. It is not our intention to stereotype religious experience in any way nor to create a set of guidelines that would lead to a curbing of freedom. Our intention is, rather, to set forth those truths of Christianity without which Christian Faith ceases to be Christian, for it is our response to such truths which constitutes our Christian experience. In this way we believe we can establish a base which will provide the Church with a set of working criteria, thus giving it direction as it continues to meditate upon, and give expression to, its Christian experience in the contemporary situation.

As an example of what we are trying to do we have begun to look at the following statement which is based on part of the preamble to the Law Book.

1. The Methodist Church of New Zealand claims and cherishes its place in the Holy Catholic Church which is the Body of Christ.
2. The Methodist Church of New Zealand rejoices in the inheritance of the Apostolic faith and accepts the fundamental principles of the historic creeds.
3. The Methodist Church of New Zealand holds that its fundamental doctrines are based on the divine revelation recorded in the Holy Scriptures.
4. The Methodist Church of New Zealand accepts the fundamental principles of the Protestant Reformation.
5. The Methodist Church of New Zealand holds the doctrines of the Evangelical Faith which Methodism has held from the beginning, and still holds. Methodist preachers (both ordained and lay) are pledged to these doctrines.

In moving in this direction, we are seeking to affirm the place of religious experiences in the lives of individuals and in the life of the Church. We want to note that such experiences take a wide range of forms, yet share some common elements to be recognised as "Christian". And we believe that sharing stories about our experiences can be mutually helpful in understanding the nature and place of religious experience.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

About ten years ago, the modern English language version of the Lord's Prayer, found in most of our Orders of Service, was suggested by the NCC Churches as the appropriate form for member Churches to use. It has gained wide acceptance, and is used ecumenically. Since then an alternative text has found favour overseas, and is preferred by the Roman Catholic Church. Closer relations with the Roman Catholic Church in New Zealand have forced a new look at this issue. The new text is being printed in Roman Catholic Orders, has been accepted by the Anglican Church, and was recently recommended to member Churches by the NCC.

The Two Texts

Modern Text

Our Father in heaven,
holy be your Name
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin
against us.
Do not bring us to the test

New Text

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against
us.
Save us from the time of trial

but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

And deliver us from evil,
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

There has been debate about the line now rendered, "Save us from the time of trial". There has also been objection to, "Do not bring us to the test." "Save us from the time of trial" can be interpreted as either "May we not have to face the time of trial" or "Save us out of our time of trial". That covers both main interpretations of the original Greek text, and is a reason for it being favoured by many.

"Holy be your name" suggests that holiness is a characteristic of God's name, 'holy' being a noun-adjective. "Hallowed be your name" calls on us to treat God's name as holy, using the verb 'to hallow'.

The Faith and Order Committee would recommend that the Methodist Church begin using the new text.

METHODIST-ROMAN CATHOLIC DIALOGUE

The members of the Dialogue draw attention again to the study guides prepared last year as a resource for local discussion groups. The Faith and Order Committee encourages parishes and other local groups to take part in dialogue, and commends the study guides.

At the Dialogue meeting in July, the following statement of intent from the International Methodist-Roman Catholic Commission was affirmed for the New Zealand discussions:

"Members of the commission are agreed in their commitment to the goal of full communion in faith, mission and sacramental life. They are agreed in rejecting any view of the Church that denies churchly status to each other. They are also united in rejecting any view that justifies acquiescing in the present state of division."

The Committee now brings this statement to the Methodist Church for affirmation. It does not imply union between the Methodist and Roman Catholic Churches in the foreseeable future. But it is a commitment to work towards the eventual union of the whole church, and towards full communion between these two churches at such time as our talking together over the issues that divide us makes that possible. We feel it does not make sense to do this talking unless our intention is an eventual coming together in full communion.

The Dialogue is also preparing an "Ecumenical Agreement". This is a brief order of service which could be used during combined Methodist-Roman Catholic worship at local level (which could include Union or Co-operating Parishes), expressing a commitment to share together in various ways - such as study groups, occasional worship, community issues, etc. It would be entirely optional, and preferably would only be undertaken where the two parishes had already been involved in dialogue with each other.

The Dialogue's programme over the next series of meetings will focus on the place of Jesus Christ in Christian faith, and work at the

question, "Who do you say that I am?"

This will begin with looking at the present social and religious context into which that question is asked, touching on issues in society like racism, and on factors in the Churches such as charismatic renewal, bi-cultural church, women's experience. It will look also at responses to these in the life of the Church, and explore models for "being the church" in the world.

The New Testament material will be looked at, followed by examining ways the Church has responded over the years, including current re-formulations and critiques of Christological understanding. That will lead into exploring understandings of Jesus as the Christ, and implications of that for the shape and mission of the Church today.

The Dialogue intends to relate that study as closely as possible to the issues and experiences of Church and Society at each point.

REVIEW OF COMMITTEES AND DIVISIONS

The first reviewing body was set up during 1984, convened by Rev. Percy Rushton, to review the work of the Administration Division.

APARTHEID

The Faith and Order Committee has received from the National Council of Churches' Executive a copy of a statement entitled "Apartheid as a Heresy", together with appropriate background material plus some resolutions passed by the N.C.C. Executive at a Meeting held earlier this year.

Accompanying the statement was a request that member Churches study the document and resolutions, and indicate their reactions to the N.C.C. by the end of 1984.

While this matter is not part of the business committed to the Committee by Conference, nevertheless, because of previous resolutions of Conference on the matter of Apartheid, the Committee feels it is of sufficient importance and relevance to draw attention to the N.C.C.'s decisions and request.

The document itself sets out Apartheid not only as a social political and ideological programme, but also as a theological doctrine which, it believes, is in essence contrary to the Christian gospel, and is therefore heretical. It is for this last reason that the N.C.C. has raised it with us, and it is for the same reason that the committee brings it to the notice of Conference.

The main grounds of the argument are that while the gospel proclaims the reconciliation of all peoples in Christ, the doctrine of Apartheid declares separateness of peoples on the basis of colour alone, thus denying the gospel and threatening the unity of the Church.

THE LIFE OF THE COMMITTEE

Rev. John Silvester retires from the Committee this year. John has been a full member of the Committee for 30 years, and before that

was a corresponding member, so has been associated with the work of the Committee from its inception. He has brought to the Committee a wealth of historical awareness and theological insight which have been invaluable, and his careful attention to accuracy and detail has assisted our work through the many issues and topics in which he has been involved. We will miss John Silvester's involvement very much, but record our gratitude for his contribution over all those years.

The Convener, Rev. Norman Brookes, has been on exchange in Australia for much of this year, and acting in his place has been Rev. Brian Malcouronne. Our thanks to Brian for this work on the Committee's behalf. Norman's exchange partner, Rev. Ian Porter, has participated fully in the Committee, and we have enjoyed his contribution.

It is the policy of the Committee to consult with other ethnic groups in the Church, rather than including representatives of those groups on the Committee. This year we have begun conversations with Samoan, Tongan and Fijian people concerning baptism, and hope to extend that, particularly in regard to Orders for Holy Communion. We have also begun talking with the Maori Division, and intend to take opportunity shortly to consult with Maori people on a wide range of faith and order topics. We wish this to become a regular part of our working.

John B. Salmon
Chairperson

Brian J. Malcouronne,
Acting Convener.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Short Order for Holy Communion in the Home be approved for printing.
3. That Conference re-affirm the report on "Charismatic Renewal" contained in the 1975 Minutes of Conference, pages 163-164.
4. That the Faith and Order Committee begin work on a revision of the Order for Healing and Wholeness.
5. That Conference affirm the following statement of the International Methodist-Roman Catholic Commission as a statement of intention for the Methodist-Roman Catholic Dialogue in this country:
"Members of the Commission are agreed in their commitment to the goal of full communion in faith, mission and sacramental life. They are agreed in rejecting any view of the Church that denies churchly status to each other. They are also united in rejecting any view that justifies acquiescing in the present state of division."
6. That the Membership of the Committee be as presented to Conference.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

INTRODUCTION

1984 has been quite a year. As this report will show, the Public Questions Committee has been involved in many of the issues which have surfaced during the year. With some issues we have been able to carry out an in depth study of the questions involved. With others we have had neither the time nor the resources to do so. We exist on a shoestring budget and with the exception of our able and dedicated half time research officer, all the work is voluntary and carried out in evenings and weekends. If it were not for the fact that the research officer was prepared to work what at times amounts to full time hours for no extra reward we could not have achieved the results we in fact have achieved. The research officer has been responsible for the preparation of most of this report; most of the submissions to Parliamentary Select Committees; most of the organising of work groups, subcommittees, and meetings. We are grateful to the Dalmeir House staff for helping with typing on an ad hoc basis, ^{but} this is not always fully satisfactory for all parties. The Conveners ask therefore that more resources, financial and otherwise be allocated to the Committee. In particular we feel there is an urgent need for assistance of a secretarial nature for typing, addressing envelopes, and copying work. I hope that this request will be considered and agreed to. The point is that if the Church regards the work being done by the P.Q. Committee as important, it should provide certain minimal secretarial resources, available as of right to the Committee.

GENERAL

The churches are expected to speak on ethical and moral issues. This year a significant part of the Public Questions Committee's work has been the preparation of a paper on In Vitro Fertilization for discussion by Conference/Assembly and parishes. It is hoped that the paper and the resulting discussion will enable our churches to speak on the ethical and moral issues raised by IVF with a clear and informed voice.

Another major concern of the Committee this year has been the increasing division of our society into rich and poor, employed and unemployed, powerful and powerless.

GROWTH OF WORK

The PQ Broadsheet sent to all parishes (2 copies) tries to keep the church up to date with what the Committee is doing with opportunities to comment if possible. Parishes seem to be using it more: on notice boards, in newsletters, in discussion groups or in worship services.

Additional copies are being supplied on request to groups inside and outside our churches. We are pleased to see such groups being set up. Since its inception in 1982 the inward correspondence has steadily increased. Before then the total for a twelve month period was under 200 items. For the same period ending in July 1984 it is 604.

Much of this is from within our churches, requests for information or copies of work done. Others are comments on our work or copies of letters they have sent to members of Parliament and others. They all help us, as do visits to parishes, to know what church members are thinking.

ECUMENICAL CONTACT

Ecumenical contact is also maintained. Two representatives attend the Interchurch Council for Public Affairs whose work this year included IVF, the Law and the Family, Criminal Justice Bill, Antarctica and the U.N. Convention on Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women. Minutes are exchanged with the Public Questions Committees of other churches and with the N.C.C.. The annual meeting of Public Questions Conveners is now to be held after Assembly and Conference.

During the year the Committee met with two visitors from the Uniting Church in Australia: Dr Keith Suter (Assembly Commission on Social Responsibility) and the Rev. Angus Reid (Synod of Victoria, Dept of Social Justice). Contact is also being maintained with our Canadian counterpart.

THEOLOGY OF PUBLIC QUESTIONS

In recent years members of the Joint Committee have felt an increasing need to review the theological basis on which the Committee develops its responses to issues of public concern. Our media statements and submissions to parliamentary select committees have been increasingly criticised by people both inside and outside the churches. We have been condemned for giving too much attention to issues which our critics consider are not the concern of Christians and too little interest to matters that should concern us. This reaction, while we know it does not reflect the view of the majority of Methodists and Presbyterians, has nevertheless led us to ask ourselves questions about the basis on which we decide to become involved with particular issues and questions about the qualities which distinguish our interventions from those made by other public interest organisations.

In an attempt to clarify and resolve these concerns a workshop was held in early March. At its conclusion a

workgroup was set up to formulate a statement on the theological basis for public questions. However, after considerable reflection the workgroup has preferred not to draw up a formal statement at this stage. It considers that what was gained at the workshop was not so much factual information but an opportunity for each person who attended to reflect on and develop further their own personal theology for dealing with public questions. The workgroup considers that there is a process which each individual needs to go through to develop his or her own theology. It was felt that the P.Q. Committee can provide a description of this process but not what its content should be because this will vary in accordance with the person concerned and the issues which confront them. A paper to this effect is currently being prepared which it is hoped will be an addendum to this report.

UNEMPLOYMENT

A. ANALYSIS OF REPLIES TO UNEMPLOYMENT: CRISIS AND OPPORTUNITY

The Committee received 138 responses to this paper. We regret that the Committee's resources are insufficient for individual acknowledgement.

Methods for dealing with the paper varied. They included worship services, Sunday luncheons, congregational meetings, session or parish council meetings, forums, seminars, special workgroups, Sunday evenings, housegroups, reprints in newsheets and visiting speakers.

Comment on the paper was very positive: "excellent, 'comprehensive', 'well presented', 'thoroughly researched', thought provoking, balanced and basically sound'." Four replies were critical of the paper for its "inadequate in depth analysis of the causes of unemployment, for its negative view of employment prospects in New Zealand or for its political nature. A plea for "brief guidelines, a few questions and some practicable suggestions rather than a wad of material" has been noted and the committee will continue to try and balance brevity with the expressed wish of some parishes for information.

Different sections of the paper were picked out for particular comment. Many mentioned section 3.4 Health, commenting that the church's role was to minister to those suffering. Some continued on to speak of its prophetic role, of a vision that put people first, of a just and participatory society. One referred back to the Bible study in the 1981 kitset on Unemployment as a useful aid. The section, "Coping with Unemployment,

which had been in the 1983 July Broadsheet was reported as having been usefully placed in newsletters or notice-boards. A few disagreed with the 'radical' tone of Section 8, 'The Future', disputing the need for a commitment to change or any criticism of the validity of the work ethic 8.4. Likewise two responses disliked the opening paragraph of 9, - New Directions, seeing this as dangerous and revolutionary. We are glad to say that such criticisms were very few.

Experiences of unemployment differed greatly among both urban and rural parishes. One central city parish reported unemployment was not a problem for their parish; an overlapping parish wrote that discussion revealed unsuspected instances of unemployment among its members. Rural parishes were divided as to whether unemployment was a problem; some agreed with 5.4 that rural areas found it hard to appreciate the unemployment situation, but others reported high local unemployment and spoke of farmers' frustrations in helping. One response reported that a Sunday afternoon seminar was poorly attended by the church congregation but was much appreciated by the unexpectedly high number of unemployed who turned up and who expressed delight at the church's concern. Many responses concentrated on other matters arising from discussion: rich and poor in N.Z., the work ethic, the role of unions, social problems, new technology, National Superannuation, education and the core curriculum, the dole being higher than some awards, loss of moral standards, economic productivity, employers' difficulties, spiritual bankruptcy, worksharing options, greed, motivation and expectations of the young,^{an} individual's worth, evangelism, leisure, capitalism, the nature of work, biblical precepts.

Questions for Discussion

These were the focus of most responses but not of all.

Question 1. Can we continue to regard work and paid employment as being the same? Thirty replied no to this, sometimes qualifying their 'no' with reference to the need for productive work. Five responses answered yes.

Question 2. Should those who at present work unpaid at home or in the community receive a living wage? Eight were in favour of this for homemakers. Fourteen thought it too impracticable for the taxpayer in present economic conditions. Several felt much could be achieved by increasing the Family Benefit or by more favourable tax provisions for dependants. There seemed to be general acceptance that both parents could be breadwinners.

Question 3. Should married people whose spouses earn over \$ 20,000 voluntarily opt out of paid employment? Three agreed, twentysix did not, either because it was thought that working spouses were in jobs that created jobs or because work provided more than money. Two mentioned that tax changes could encourage mothers to stay at home.

Question 4. What is your church doing for unemployed people in your area? Thirteen stated nothing, seven gave details of success in running co-ops, work skill programmes, budgeting, counselling, drop in centres, etc. Others mention individual ^{and} parish participation in food parcels, family centres, CABs, PSS work, craft activities, emergency housing and in schemes operated by local body councils, the Salvation Army or YMCA. A few wrote of the need for optional growth and the need for lower living standards.

Question 5. How would more accurate unemployment statistics help us to understand and deal with the problem? Some of the replies were sceptical about the benefits of this but 6 did agree with the new Minister of Employment that the problem cannot be tackled until the size is known. The committee is pleased that the new Government plans a house to house employment survey next year to identify the people "who are willing to work, able to work, but who aren't at work".

Question 6. Discuss The Future, New Direction 9.2
The following is the order of priority given in replies:

- 1 (iv) Training people for existing and future job vacancies. (Listed by 23, given top priority by 13)
- 2 (i) Urgent promotion of job sharing and part time work (listed 21, top priority 12)
- 3 (ix) An emphasis on education for all ages groups. (Listed 17, top priority 7)
- 4 (vi) Priority for developing small business (Listed 15, second priority 6)
- 5 (v) Support for co-operatives and community employment (Listed 14, 1st or 2nd priority 7)
- 6 (x) A critical evaluation of temporary employment schemes and skill training schemes (Listed 14, 1st or 2nd place 4)
- 7 (viii) Wise use of new technologies (Listed 13)
- 8 (iii) A living wage for everyone whether in paid employment or on a benefit (listed 12, 1st or 2nd place 5)
- 9 Consideration of a statutory shorter working week (Listed 11, given 1st or 2nd, 5)
10. More labour intensive projects (listed by 7)

Other ideas were : fostering of arts and crafts, worker participation and profit sharing, early retirement, compulsory military training, Royal Commission on Labour, school leaving age raised to 18, shift work,

preventive health education, abolition of overtime, consensus decision making.

JOB SHARING AND PART TIME WORK

INTRODUCTION

Job sharing and part time work have been the focus for our unemployment group this year. This was a follow-up to the "New Directions" section of the 1983 paper and a response to a request for further information from the 1983 Methodist Conference.

JOB SHARING

Questions on job sharing were put to a wide range of employer and employee organisations. This report is based on their responses and reports from parishes.

The concept of job sharing is part of the whole question of part time work with its widespread implications for the work force and unemployment. There is a great deal of misunderstanding about the concept, and the term is often used loosely by politicians and the general public. It needs to be pointed out that all job sharing is part time work, but part time work is not necessarily job sharing.

Job sharing is defined as the co-operative sharing of one full time job, its responsibilities, conditions and remuneration between two (or more) people. Sometimes they may be husband and wife. The work is organised to utilise the skills of the people concerned and involves hours of work suitable to them and their employer. Each worker does half the work, gets half the pay and half the benefits, including leave.

Despite the popularity of the concept, it has proved difficult to make a realistic assessment of the extent of job sharing in the workforce. In October 1983 the State Services Commission was responsible for more than 77,000 public servants. Job sharing arrangements only numbered 13. This low percentage is no doubt largely due to the difficulties of fitting job sharing into the career oriented public service structure. Specific examples of job sharing arrangements were known to committee members but reliable statistics were not available.

Job sharing appeals mainly to women or to members of professional groups. Women are seen to gain most from job sharing, whether sharing a job with a similarly qualified husband or with another woman. Teachers, ordained ministers, town planners, university lecturers, doctors, journalists and clerical workers were reported as known instances of job sharing.

A paper prepared by the Post Office Union states, "Job sharing has been essentially a middle class concept which, while attractive to those who can afford it,

would not be relevant to most workers who could not afford any drop in their incomes. Consequently unions generally have not experienced any strong demand from members to pursue the concept."

Benefits of Job Sharing

- (a) Individuals can benefit from job sharing. A paid job, even half time, gives status, self esteem and financial remuneration to those who otherwise may not have a job.
- (b) Career skills can be maintained during child rearing.
- (c) The hours of employment give opportunity for families, education, hobbies, skills or community involvement.
- (d) The benefits of job sharing can flow on to others. The employer or client can gain because, as with other forms of part time work, production tends to increase at little or no cost. Two trained workers can produce more than one full time worker. They can provide a fuller range of abilities, creativity and flexibility with less fatigue or absenteeism.
- (e) Families gain where both parents can choose to spend time with children or other relatives.
- (f) Society can gain from the cumulative effect of greater mental and physical wellbeing, better parental and family care and greater community involvement.

A summary of one couple's experience of job sharing is as follows ... "Between us we earn a full salary. (This is divided in half and we are each taxed on half a salary.) We work alternate days, but this is flexible. When we are at work, our energy level and work output is far greater than one person could achieve full time. The same applies to our family life. We have both been able to develop a really close relationship with our daughter. The main disadvantage is our low income. We are under pressure financially, despite our choice of a relatively simple lifestyle. Although we feel that job sharing is better suited to higher paying jobs, our top priority is to continue the shared lifestyle we have developed. We have discovered far more benefits than drawbacks."

Disadvantages of job sharing

- (a) Job sharing is an option only for those who can afford it, for those who don't need full employment and full pay.
- (b) There are difficulties when one employee leaves and the other doesn't.
- (c) There are difficulties when one employee deserves promotion and the other doesn't.
- (d) The administration is more complicated than with one worker in one job.
- (e) It is difficult to fit job sharing into a career oriented structure such as the public service where the concept of an "officer" filling an "office" is

inherent in the State Services Act. It is for this reason that many job sharing arrangements are temporary and do not give job security.

Conclusions on job sharing

Job sharing can play an important but minor role in sharing the available work. While it should have our support, attention is probably better directed to improving the conditions for part time work, as this has far wider implications.

PART TIME WORK

Part time workers, according to the Labour Department, are "those who regularly work fewer than thirty hours per week." They may be :

- (a) Regular part time workers who work less than the full time workers on a continuing basis.
- (b) Casual part time workers who work less than the full time workers on an intermittent or short term basis.
- (c) Part year workers who work full time hours but for only part of the year.

Increase in part time work

Part time work is increasing. Between April 1969 and May 1980 the number of part time jobs was up 103% (Labour Department Employment Information Survey). In the same period full time employment increased by 20%. Between February 1982 and February 1983 part time employment increased by 3.1%. Full time employment decreased by 1.7% (1983 Labour Department Annual Report).

Despite this increase in part time work, many employers report large numbers of applicants for advertised part time positions. There are obviously many more people seeking part time jobs than there are vacancies.

Most part time workers are women

Of the nearly 169,000 part time workers listed in a November 1983 Dept of Labour survey, 79% were women. In the Public Service 80% of all part time workers are women. Most are employed as typists, basic grade clerks, librarians, cleaners, tea attendants, nurses and medical officers.

Advantages of part time work

- (a) Greater flexibility of working hours for employees to suit family or other commitments or interests.
- (b) Easier re-entry to the workforce after a period of leave for child care, health or personal development.
- (c) It offers flexibility to those who wish to train for a second career, retire gradually or simply vary their work life.
- (d) It can provide employment for many who would not

otherwise have jobs.

- (e) Employers benefit if they can keep workers with many years' experience and attract workers who have scarce skills but cannot work long hours.
- (f) Part time workers often have higher productivity rates than full time workers.
- (g) Part time workers provide extra staff for intermittent periods of activity.
- (h) They may also enable employers to increase the hours of operation to make more economical use of plant and equipment.

Disadvantages of part time work

- (a) Most part time work is temporary.
- (b) There is very little job security - most part time workers can be fired at short notice.
- (c) Generally part time workers are confined to the lowest level jobs with little opportunity for promotion or training and little or no access to appeal boards or grading committees.
- (d) They are often paid at the lowest rate of pay and do not qualify for penal rates, overtime, and adequate leave, including sick leave.
- (e) The income is usually not a living wage and has to be combined with that of a partner.
- (f) Superannuation rights are usually restricted.
- (g) The hours of work may be the ones nobody else wants.
- (h) Part time workers often face resentment from full time workers afraid of losing their jobs.
- (i) Inadequate union representation. In the past many unions have seen part time workers as a threat to full time positions.
- (j) Communications between part time workers with management and other workers are sometimes inefficient and frustrating.
- (k) For employers part time workers mean a constantly changing work force and high administration costs for a large pool of workers.

Conclusions on part time work

The prime need is to give part time workers, including those who are job sharing, the same benefits as full time workers: permanent work, adequate remuneration, regular hours, opportunities for promotion, penal and overtime rates, adequate sick leave and holidays. The need to give proper recognition to part time work is gradually being recognised, principally in teaching and other professions. A statement in a Public Services Association publication "Working Time... Options for Change" is worth quoting.

"The demand for permanent part time work reflects changing views about work, life, leisure, the role of women

in the paid workforce and as carers of children, education and opportunities for disadvantaged groups in the community."

The whole question of the provision of part time work is placed in context in an article in a Labour and Employment Gazette in June 1980. Note that it is dated more than four years ago.

"Continuing unemployment and the introduction of capital intensive, labour saving technology may mean that job creation becomes heavily dependent on the redistribution of work. If this is the case, both management and labour must address themselves to the structure of the part time workforce and the conditions of part time workers. What is done now about part time work may eventually affect increasingly larger sections of the labour force and determine the smoothness of the matching between the demand for labour and its supply."

HOUSING

Instances of people being homeless or inadequately housed have continued to be of concern to the Committee. A work-group on housing was set up which prepared the following and Appendix A (surveys and case studies of home ownership and rentals) for sending to the new Minister of Housing. He is expected to increase both rental and home ownership opportunities for families on low incomes.

1.1 Research into housing indicates that the problem is not at present lack of houses but a shortage of affordable accommodation for low income earners.

1.2 Housing is one of the basic rights and listed as such within the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights. Their recommendation is that a person's accommodation costs should not exceed one sixth of his/her income. The N.Z. Housing Corporation regards those who spend more than one third of their income on rent as "house poor".

1.3 Christians are called to identify with the poor and homeless. Research and statistics are of little value unless they are followed by action. Christians who have more than others are called to share. (Matt. 6: 19-21)

1.4 The housing problem of N.Z. reflects the growing gap between rich and poor. The rich are well housed. The poor struggle to find accommodation and growing numbers are homeless. The N.Z. Committee for Children states that inadequate housing is an important factor in disturbing social trends among children and young people, and that time, effort, imagination and money spent on providing better homes for all children will avoid spending more on penal and therapeutic provision.

1.5 Factors in our present society exacerbate the housing problem. Marriage/family breakdown often means one family needs two houses. Young people living away from home need accommodation. Increasing longevity means that family homes do not become available as quickly as in previous years.

Conclusions

The PQ housing sub-committee is convinced that there is a need for (a) increasing the amount of low cost housing, and (b) reducing the ratio of mortgage repayments to incomes. This will require both direct Government involvement and the encouragement of private sector investment in housing. Information used in this report was drawn from publications from the National Housing Commission (PO Box 1789, Wellington) and "House This" magazine (PO Box 6611, Auckland). We recommend these sources for people wishing to go further into the details of this topic.

AGEISM

The papers in this study of discrimination have now been completed for sending out to parishes. The titles are :

- Religious values and ageing
- Wisdom of old age
- Role of the aged in Maori Society
- Education and Ageism
- Physical and emotional health
- Housing for old people
- Youth and ageism
- Discrimination within N.Z. on grounds of age
- National Superannuation, pros and cons
- Needs of the elderly
- The Church and ageism
- Scriptural references.

Questions have been included at the end of each paper which can be used to initiate discussion and feedback to this Committee. The paper that aroused most controversy within the workgroup and Committee was that on National Superannuation. The Committee concluded that if demographic and economic conditions force a reconsideration of National Superannuation minor adjustments will not be adequate or just. The Committee therefore recommends that a non-partisan group be appointed to make a full study of the implications of the present National Superannuation Scheme and make recommendations to Government for changes to the scheme. We thank those who responded to the questions in the October 1983 Broadsheet.

IN VITRO FERTILISATION

Complex ethical and legal questions have been raised by the births of IVF babies. An understanding of these is urgent and the churches have been asked to contribute. To help our churches do this our Committee has prepared a report, Appendix A. The Committee asks Assembly and Conference to affirm that IVF is acceptable for infertile couples and asks that this report be sent down to Presbyteries, Synods, Parish Meetings, Sessions and congregations for discussion and further comment.

EDUCATION

A workgroup on education has been established. This was partly in response to concern within the Presbyterian church that public education issues should be given more attention by the church and partly to proposed changes within education. This will work in co-operation with both the Education Divisions of our churches and also with the Churches' Education Commission with whom we are already sharing information. Some of the likely issues are: Maoritanga, public examinations, corporal punishment, core curriculum, religious education in the State curriculum, moral and social education, human relationships, community/school involvement. The Committee would welcome papers on each topic.

Core Curriculum

Submissions were called on proposed changes to this within a very tight time limit. The Committee sent a letter to the then Minister of Education asking that this time be extended. The time was not extended but the Committee did make a submission as did the NZCEC. Copies are available.

The change of Government and the change of Minister means that the topic is now reopened. This is an opportunity for our churches to continue their long tradition of involvement in education.

South African Rotary Students

The Committee's attention was brought to the possibility that church schools may find themselves in the position of being asked to accept Rotary Exchange Students from South Africa.

On the basis of information supplied by both Rotary (Wgtn District) and HART and on established church attitudes a letter was sent to the Church School organisations advising against their accepting Rotary students from South Africa while apartheid is still the law in South Africa. Copies are available. Since then the South African Government has closed its consulate and stopped the entry of South African Rotary Students to New Zealand.

LEGISLATION

Last year's report on the Reform of Parliament and particularly of select committees has been of continuing relevance and use for the Committee. This year the Committee has prepared a paper on the new Government's proposal that N.Z. should have a Bill of Rights. This is presented here, Appendix B, but further copies are available on request.

2. During the final Parliamentary session in 1983 a copy of our last year's report on the Reform of Parliament was sent to all members of Parliament.
3. Further copies of that report were sent with our submission to the Statutes Revision Committee on the Delegated Legislation Study. In our submissions we gave support for the proposal that a special select committee be set up to review all regulations within three months of their becoming law in a more extensive and indeed compulsory way as a check on executive power. Copies are available.
4. At the announcement of the snap election the Committee sent an open letter to all members of Parliament outlining the more important issues as we saw them for the election campaign. These were: unemployment, taxation and relief for those on low incomes, the social welfare system, other social and moral issues (arms race, discrimination on grounds of race, sex or age), constitutional questions, and the style of government. Copies of the letter were sent to the media where it got a good coverage and also to each parish minister for their information.
5. Subsequent to the installation of the new Government a letter was sent to the Prime Minister, Mr David Lange, a Methodist lay preacher, supporting his handling of the constitutional/financial crisis, his promise of help to low income families, and his stance on apartheid and on nuclear issues.
6. Submissions were made by the Committee to Parliamentary Select Committees on the following :

Industrial Law Reform Bill

The Committee appeared before the Select Committee in support of its written submission to this Bill (1984 Year Book pl70). The bill is now law as regards voluntary unionism but new legislation is expected in 1985 subsequent to discussion of a document being prepared by the Labour Department on industrial relations at the request of the Consumer Affairs Minister. The Government has stated its intention to establish an Industrial Relations Advisory Council, its membership to be drawn equally from the Employers Federation and the N.Z. Council of Trade Unions. It is intended that the new council will discuss all industrial legislation

prior to its introduction to Parliament.

Rape Reform Bill

This was one of many bills introduced at the end of the 1983 year with submissions due in early February. Despite the problems with Christmas holidays the Committee was able to make submissions because there had already been much debate on the subject. In our submissions and also verbally before the select committee we strongly opposed the retention of spousal immunity, suggested mandatory counselling for offenders and supported abolishing the judges' warning on uncorroborated evidence. This was one of the thirty-four bills which lapsed when the snap election was called in June. The new Government has now introduced a revised rape bill based on submissions received by the old select committee.

Immigration Bill

This Bill, on which the Committee made fairly brief and hurried submissions, had a similar history to the Rape Reform bill in the timing of its introductory submissions due and in its lapsing in June. With others, including the Interchurch Commission on Immigration and Refugee Resettlement, the P.Q. Committee was not given the opportunity to make a verbal submission. In our written submission we were concerned about the powers given to the Minister of Immigration, the restrictions on judicial review, the holding of permits, the arrest and powers of entry given to Immigration officers and the dangers of racial discrimination. We suggested a more liberal immigration policy and that legislation be delayed until an updated white paper could be produced. We hope that with the change of Government this will now be done.

Proposed changes to Children and Young Persons Legislation

A Bill amending the existing legislation was expected to be before Parliament this year. The new Government is delaying legislation because they feel further consideration is needed. The main areas of concern are the protection of children who have suffered abuse and the way in which young offenders are dealt with. The legislation is likely to have a major effect on children in the care of the Social Welfare Department. A seminar on the proposed changes organised by the Committee for Children was attended by a Public Questions Committee member. The Committee will continue this interest and would expect to make submissions to any legislation.

Aspects of Law and Justice

With others the Committee was asked by the National

Research and Advisory Council for research suggestions in the area of law and justice. We proposed that their attention could well be given to (a) Legal Aid and Representation, (b) Multiculturalism and the Law, and (c) Causes of Criminal offending.

LOTTERIES

A letter was sent to the Minister of Internal Affairs protesting against the one million dollar lottery. Since then there has been a second one. Our churches have a long tradition of opposition to gambling, probably partly because our social services have been exposed to some of the victims. An attempt to soften this attitude was rejected in response to our 1982 paper on "Funds^{made} available by Government from Lottery Profits for Community use".

SICKNESS BENEFIT

The Committee voiced its concern, at the proposal that the Sickness Benefit be taxed, to the previous Minister of Social Welfare, and also made a press statement on this question.

INVESTMENT

It was decided that further work on this in our Committee should be delayed, that the guidelines had been given and that Christian groups and individuals should be expected to do their own monitoring. We thank those who responded to last year's paper.

SUNDAY ADVERTISING

When the BCNZ and the Independent Broadcasting Association proposed applying for Sunday advertising in 1983, the Committee wrote a letter of protest to the Minister of Broadcasting. In June of this year formal submissions were called for. Our submission, one of 4,000, was based on the desirability of being able to choose not to watch advertising, the likely quality of advertisers' programmes, a preference for an increased licence fee, a plea for one day's freedom from commercialism and the TV role as an educator.

The Committee commends those church groups who have made their own submissions and thanks them for copying them to us.

KIA ORA

The Committee made a brief statement in support of the initiative taken by an Auckland toll operator to use the Maori greeting 'Kia Ora' when answering toll enquiries. We saw it as a positive awareness of our fuller New Zealand identity.

OTHER ISSUES

There have been many other issues put forward for our consideration this year by the wider church. They include: Halal killing, fundamentalism, confidentiality of the clergy, biculturalism, Waitangi Day, U.N. Convention on Discrimination against Women, chaplaincy, nuclear issues, women and violence, violence in the family, mental health, advertising of alcohol, homosexuality, freedom of the press, income distribution, abortion, lotto, video clubs, Sunday trading, rates roll listings, access for grandparents after the failure of a marriage, Corso. Some of these we direct to other church committees because they are more appropriately theirs, or because we know they are already considering the subject, but for others we have had to make decisions that they are not of immediate priority, and with our limited resources we cannot deal with them.

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Suggested Recommendations

1. That the report be received.
2. That Assembly/Conference urges the Government, employer and union groups to give urgency to ways of increasing permanent part time positions with adequate remuneration and the same rights and conditions as full time workers.
3. That Assembly/Conference urges Government through the Housing Corporation and Maori Affairs to make more house mortgages available at low interest rates for lower income earners.
4. That Assembly/Conference ask their parishes to involve themselves with housing needs of their areas.
5. That Assembly/Conference ask their parishes to study the paper on Ageism.
6. That Assembly/Conference ask the Government to set up an independent body to study the implications of the present National Superannuation Scheme and make recommendations to Government for changes to the scheme.
7. That Assembly/Conference receive and send down to Presbyteries, Synods, Parish Meetings, Sessions and congregations the paper "A Bill of Rights for New Zealand" Appendix B, for discussion.
8. That Assembly/Conference receive and send down to Presbyteries, Synods, Parish Meetings, Sessions

and congregations the report "In Vitro Fertilisation" Appendix C, for study and report by 30 June 1985.

9. That Assembly/Conference affirm the statement that IVF is acceptable treatment for tubal infertility in women.
10. That Assembly/Conference ask the churches to allocate more secretarial resources to the Public Questions Committee.

APPENDIX A H O U S I N G

It is hoped that parishes will read this in conjunction with the main report.

Home Rental

The PQ housing sub-committee did a survey of the To Let columns of the Wellington Evening Post covering the Wednesday and Saturday editions over a three week period (2/5/84 to 19/5/84) to see what the price range was for advertised private rental accommodation within Wellington city, the Hutt Valley and Porirua :

No. of Bedrooms	1	2	3	4 or more	Not Specified
No. of flats and houses advertised Total 401	60	120	103	39	79
Average rent	\$78	\$103	\$143	\$176	\$92
Price range	\$32- 135	\$40- 280	\$65- 250	\$115- 300	\$35-250

Many ads did not specify the number of bedrooms. Over half of them (44), and almost all the cheaper ones, were advertised by a listing agency. Generally these cheaper ones were described as 'bach' or 'compact flat', suggesting a small number of bedrooms. Many of the cheaper rents in all the categories were advertised by a listing agency. To obtain any further information about these listings the prospective tenant has to pay a non-refundable fee of about \$40. Some of these listings are also advertised separately by the landlord, so that an unknown number of the cheaper places have been counted twice in the survey.

If we consider the Housing Corporation definition of "house poor", and their statement that those spending more than one third of their income, for any length of time usually suffer seriously in other areas of human need, then these accommodation statistics can be assessed in terms of income needed.

The average rent for a three bedroom house is \$143. Any one earning less than \$429 gross per week will be "house poor". The average wage is about \$280 gross, and a family living on the average wage paying \$143 rent per week would clearly be suffering seriously.

However averages do not give a fair picture because those on low incomes will look for below average rental houses and houses in cheaper rental areas. But our survey indicated very few low rental houses available on the private rental market.

A hypothetical family, of a size that needs at least three bedrooms, and able to spend \$100 a week on rent, would find no 4 bedroom houses advertised at that price, and only 6 of the 103 three bedroom houses.

A family of father, mother and two children on sickness benefit receive at most \$208 net per week (basic benefit \$164, family benefit \$12, accommodation benefit \$32). Even by becoming house poor and spending up to \$70 on rent there were only two three bedroom houses or flats advertised. If such a family were prepared to squeeze into a two bedroomed house or flat then there were still only three other possibilities in the whole greater Wellington area.

A similar survey was done by community workers in Auckland in February 1982. This survey concludes that no matter what zone or what type of accommodation is sought, all private rental costs are high. This indicates that anybody on a low or middle income would either have great difficulty, or would not be able to afford present rental costs.

Home Ownership

House prices relative to incomes have slightly dropped in recent years. The main problem for those wishing to buy their own homes is not principally the price of houses but the servicing of mortgages. Home ownership in N.Z. has been part of our way of life and the level of home ownership remains high on an international scale. The difficulties encountered in obtaining and servicing mortgages now means that the goal of home ownership is becoming a less attainable one. Earlier literature used the figure of 25% of income as the realistic proportion of income to service mortgages. During the latter half of the 1970s no individual or household on the average income who had to raise a reasonably substantial mortgage would have been able to afford to buy a house, new or old.

Many lending institutions require that the ratio of outgoing mortgage repayments to gross income be less than 40% and some will not lend when the ratio exceeds 25%. The Housing Corporation and Maori Affairs set the figures as a percentage of income. These percentages are changed from time to time to control the use of funds by expanding or diminishing the pool of eligible applicants. At the time of writing (August) these figures were set at 35% in a single income family and 40% of the joint income in a two income family. First mortgage loans through the Housing Corporation and Maori Affairs are limited in amount

and number. Second and third mortgages available through the Post Office are also subject to limitation. In order to obtain sufficient money to buy a house, many families are now forced to find second and third mortgages with interest rates and repayment provisions beyond their means. In addition the wide variation in interest rates and conditions of mortgages recently has made it difficult for borrowers to plan ahead with any degree of confidence. They may not be overcommitted when they buy a house but become so because of increases in interest rates.

Case Studies

Members of the PQ housing sub-committee gathered information from people known to them in order to illustrate the housing problems encountered.

Case Study I. To illustrate both the shortage of housing and the problems encountered in raising money.

A young couple with three children, aged 1½, 3 and 6 yrs. The wife is not working. In 1983 they were informed of the imminent termination of their tenancy agreement with the Housing Corporation by March 1984. They were given the choice to purchase the house or vacate it. They wished to live in a different area. In an attempt to buy a house in the area of their choice the husband withdrew his superannuation (\$5000) in order to have money to cover the deposit needed for a Housing Corporation home. The Housing Corporation decided that he was not eligible for a Housing Corporation loan because his income was higher than their limit. He tried the child capitalisation scheme but was refused for the same reason.

He asked to purchase a Housing Corporation home, in the area of his choice, i.e. not the house in which he was living and which had been offered to him. The family were told that the Housing Corporation had not a home or piece of land available in alternate areas. Eventually the family were granted another year to remain in their present house as tenants.

Case Study II. To illustrate a family in the "house poor" category.

A family of father, mother and a 9 yr old child - net weekly wage \$167, weekly rent \$60, electricity \$9.40, groceries \$60, doctors fees \$1.86, church \$5. \$30 a week remain for clothing and all other expenses for the three people.

Case Study III. To illustrate the problems of servicing mortgages.

Young couple both earning. Net weekly income \$457. Their house cost \$58,000 and they only needed to borrow \$25,000. Trading bank mortgage - 1st \$10,000 at 11% with principal and interest being repayable over 20 years - 2nd \$15,000 at 14% with principal and interest being repayable over 3 yrs.

The short term of the second mortgage means payments of \$141 per week for the first three years, then only \$29 per week for the next 17 years. This couple are able to manage comfortably so long as they both work. If their joint income had been less the problems of financing the mortgage would be apparent. They would also have found it easier to meet this outgoing if an interest only second mortgage had been arranged.

APPENDIX B

A BILL OF RIGHTS FOR NEW ZEALAND

INTRODUCTION

The question of whether N.Z. should have a Bill of Rights is of interest to Methodists and Presbyterians. It concerns the individual person's fundamental right to freedom of thought and expression, religion, and free association. It is not a new issue. It was reported on by the P.Q. Committee in 1964 (118a) when the then Minister of Justice introduced a Bill which ultimately was not proceeded with. The history of both churches includes periods when there has been a struggle to hold onto these rights in the face of determined efforts by the established authorities to take them away.

WHAT IS A BILL OF RIGHTS?

It is a "statement of fundamental principles which constitute the supreme law and to which all other laws are subject".⁽¹⁾ These principles cannot be overturned by the Government or by Parliament. The Courts would be able to declare null and void any law passed by Parliament which contravened the Bill of Rights.

A Bill of Rights should not be confused with a written constitution. The latter is a document which sets out the way in which government is exercised, i.e. it defines the component ^{parts} structures and powers of the Government. A Bill of Rights may be attached to a written constitution (as is the case in the U.S.A.) or it can stand alone.

A THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE ON THE PROTECTION OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

The question of whether Christians ought to be concerned about individual rights is related to the more general question of whether Christians ought to be involved in the concerns of society. The answer must surely be "yes".

The creation narratives in the opening chapters of Genesis describe human beings as created in the image of God and given the task of stewardship of the world. All life and particularly human life has dignity and nobility as gifts of God, a point made by the writer of Psalm 8. The issues of rights and freedoms were of particular concern to the Old Testament prophets especially when the poor and disadvantaged were exploited and abused. The voice of the prophets became the voice of the powerless and voiceless (e.g. Amos 4: 1-2)

While Christians see people as most fully human when the relationship with their creator is restored, any action which diminishes the dignity and value of human life is an action against God. We believe that God chose to

jump into the stream of human life and experience through Jesus the Christ, thus affirming that human life has value and dignity. The ministry of Jesus showed a particular concern for the outcast and the oppressed, those whose human rights were of little concern to the rest of society. The Gospel message is that inequality and injustice will be overcome (Luke 4: 16-21). It is the continuing mission of the church to promote the fulfilment of the Gospel promise. This means that we as followers of Jesus Christ must give the same value to the rights of others as Jesus has given to ours.

EXISTING PROVISIONS FOR PROTECTING RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS
From earliest English times the rights of free men were jealously guarded by a strong system of shire courts and a supreme council. It is from this system that our heritage of common law evolved. Rights were protected through the decisions of courts and were furthered, not through a spontaneous desire to extend rights, but as a response to threats against basic rights which had been assured. The Magna Carta of 1215 for example resulted from the opposition of the barons to an unscrupulous and unjust king who sought to place himself above the common law. It drew from King John an acknowledgement that the rule of the courts was paramount and that the life and liberty of free men everywhere had to be protected.

The Magna Carta ~~difference to the~~ was drawn up during the feudal era and made little difference to the lives of ordinary people. The sovereign could still exercise power arbitrarily, provided the rights of the nobility were not threatened. However, opposition over the centuries by the common people to the exercise of the monarch's perceived "divine right" to rule, eventually led to the English Civil War in the 17th century. At the conclusion of the war and the restoration of the monarchy in 1688 a Bill of Rights was drawn up to safeguard the inalienable rights of all citizens. This stipulated that the King could no longer dispense with any laws, and that his subjects were entitled to petition him for the righting of grievances. The Bill also guaranteed freedom of speech in Parliament.

The rights secured by the 1688 Bill of Rights continued to be limited in practice to people who were not beholden to anybody for shelter, food and livelihood. In the latter part of the 17th century this was a small group of people which, as a proportion of the total population, became even smaller as the enclosure movement and the industrial revolution drove people off the land and into the towns and cities. It took the Methodist and humanitarian movements of the 18th and 19th centuries to improve the lot and rights of the common man, and the suffragette and women's liberation movements of the 20th century to

secure any sort of recognition for the rights of women. Many of these rights are clarified and protected by laws enacted in Parliament and over time a system of Statute Law has become established to complement the Common Law.

Today the bulwark of our liberties is Parliament unto which is reserved the sovereign right to enact laws. An Act of Parliament is essentially an ad hoc basis for protecting people against the abuse of power and as Lord Scarman noted in a paper presented at the 1984 New Zealand Law Conference late 20th century pressures are exposing weaknesses. Government is now the business of political parties and once a party secures a majority in Parliament it can determine what will and what will not be enacted even though it will not, as is usually the case, enjoy a majority of total votes in the country. Minorities, especially those like ethnic minorities which have no real prospect of Parliamentary power, are thus susceptible to victimisation and oppression. Lord Scarman concludes :

"...the accumulation of pressures to which I have referred will make it necessary to reconsider our reliance on the unwritten judge-made law. Judicial precedent supplemented by Acts of Parliament cannot cope with the needs, the aspirations, or the new power structures, of a plural society an endemic feature of which will be the existence of minorities who must look for their protection to the judicial system. The risk is that, if the legal system does not meet their need, they may look for remedies which are neither political nor legal in character. To survive, the rule of law must be given the principles and the processes to ensure that it covers what is needed and is effective." (2)

A model for a Bill of Rights is the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms which came into force with the new Constitution in April 1982. The Charter (3) which applies to all federal, provincial and territorial authorities guarantees all Canadians :

- * the Fundamental freedoms of conscience, religion, thought, belief, opinion, expression, peaceful assembly and of association
- * Democratic rights to vote and stand for membership of Parliament
- * Mobility rights to move freely within Canada and to enter, remain in or leave the country
- * Legal rights to life, liberty and security, protection against unreasonable search and seizure, to legal counsel, to trial within a reasonable time, to protection against any cruel and unusual treatment or punishment
- * Equality rights to protection against discrimination on the basis of race, natural or ethnic origin, colour,

- religion, age, sex or mental or physical disability
- * Official language rights to use English or French in dealing with institutions of the Canadian Parliament and government.

Like the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms a N.Z. Bill of Rights has to reflect the cultural, social and political character of the country. The rights of the Maori for example would require explicit recognition. These and other considerations have prompted Mr Geoffrey Palmer, Deputy Prime Minister, Attorney General and formerly Professor of Law, to advocate the following additional items for a N.Z. Bill of Rights.(4)

- * The rights and freedoms of the Maori people, the 'Tangata Whenua'
- * The circumstances in which the Government can exercise emergency powers
- * The rights of children, especially when they are in the custody of the State.

EFFECT OF A BILL OF RIGHTS

A Bill of Rights would be superior to all other law. It would provide :(5)

- * Guaranteed protection for fundamental values
- * Restraint on the abuse of power by Government
- * Restraint on the abuse of power by other organisations
- * Protection of fundamental freedoms not exclusively in the hands of politicians
- * An authoritative source of education about the importance of fundamental freedoms in a democratic society
- * Provision of a judicial remedy to individuals who have suffered under a law or conduct which breaches fundamental rights
- * Provision of a set of minimum standards to which public decision making must conform
- * An opportunity to improve the commitment of New Zealand to human rights and fundamental liberties.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST A BILL OF RIGHTS

Geoffrey Palmer lists seven arguments which can be marshalled against the introduction of a bill of rights. These are that a bill of rights would :(6)

- * create uncertainty in the law. It may not be easy to predict which pieces of legislation would be struck down.
- * cause an increased volume of litigation. Efforts to have laws declared unconstitutional would involve expensive and long drawn out litigation
- * catapult New Zealand judges into a political role for which they do not have much background

- * threaten the stability and respect of our judicial system because judges would be involved in the interpretation of vague and unmanageable principles
- * reduce the flexibility of our system
- * introduce an anti-democratic element into our constitution because although judges are not elected they would be making decisions on what the elected representatives of the people have passed into law.

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APPENDIX C
IN VITRO FERTILIZATION

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 It is now technically possible for a human embryo to be created outside the human body and then to be placed in the uterus. This procedure, known as in vitro fertilization (IVF) and embryo replacement (ER) or embryo transfer (ET) has been given markedly increased publicity by the media in New Zealand during 1984. With the birth of an IVF baby at National Women's Hospital (NWH) in Auckland in early July this year it became very clear that we could no longer file the subject, IVF, under the heading of "Overseas Problem". Scientifically, the birth of an IVF baby is an impressive achievement. Ethically, it raises very serious questions, which make us feel emotionally and intellectually uneasy. Yesterday the 'big' issues were technological. Today it is obvious that the most serious questions we must ask and must attempt to answer are ethical.

1.2 This report aims to provide information and to stimulate thinking on what our response to these developments should be. Is IVF an ethically acceptable procedure? Should we 'interfere with nature'? What happens to unused embryos? Will there be research on embryos? Is there a single Christian viewpoint? Can the Bible help in finding an answer? What are the rights of the embryo and subsequently the child? What else can be done to help couples with an infertility problem? Is this an acceptable way of using medical resources? What are the legal implications? These questions give some indication of the enormity of the issues.

1.3 There are no easy answers. No authority and no church committee can provide them. The P.Q. Committee has reached its own decisions but it is for individuals to determine their own positions on the questions involved. Our church does not dictate what individual members should do. On the basis of the available literature, detailed discussions and with awareness of the Christian heritage, the Committee considers that the IVF technique is acceptable treatment for tubal infertility in women. We think that it should be offered only after all other methods of infertility treatment have been explored and adequate professional counselling has been provided for the couple. We are aware of the connotations of high medical status inherent in the IVF procedure compared with the undramatic but extremely important and necessary work of educating people about the causes of infertility and infertility treatment. We strongly advocate that more attention be given to such a preventive programme. We stress the urgent need for the establishing of both medical and

legal guidelines. We have strong reservations about the use of IVF for de facto couples, solo parents and also the use of surrogate mothers. However, the undoubted benefit of IVF to infertile couples should not be denied for fear of the unknown possibilities of genetic engineering.

1.4 IVF is quite different from AID (artificial insemination by donor). IVF deals with female infertility. AID deals with male infertility (with the female partner being fertile). IVF has much less potential for abuse than AID because the in vitro process requires highly specialised laboratory conditions. AID does not; it is much more easily undertaken and the safeguards as to donor selection could be ignored in unethical hands. IVF raises separate problems.

1.5 The Committee regards this report as an introduction to the whole complex subject of bio-ethics. It plans to continue its work in this area and recognises that future reports will need to take into consideration subsequent events and research.

2. A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

2.1 Christian people can find themselves in a difficult situation in making ethical ^{and} theological decisions concerning new developments in technology because life in biblical times was very different from life today. Often there are no biblical precedents to follow and it can be debated as to which principles are applicable in making our own moral evaluation.

2.2 The sanctity of individual human life is a fundamental starting point for the Christian in evaluating the ethical and theological significance of any technological procedure. God both creates and sustains life. Human beings are made in the image of God (Gen. 1:27) and each one is unique. In God's creative activities human co-operation is often involved. This is seen in the responsible use of modern technology in medicine, agriculture, science and industry. The Genesis story of creation portrays human beings as having power or dominion over the rest of creation. Acceptance of the teachings in this story places tremendous responsibility in human hands, as scientific knowledge can be used destructively as well as constructively.

Clinical research and new medical techniques can be welcomed only if they bring about the enrichment of human life without undesirable side effects.

2.3 In Old Testament times the family as a social unit was of fundamental importance. The inheritance of land was one way in which the family was sustained. God's blessing on the family was believed to be seen in their

modern miracle.

3. THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

3.1 The person often overlooked in infertility treatment but of primary importance is the child. The rights and needs of the child should not be subordinated to those of the parents or to a donor parent. Every child has a right to a place in a loving and caring family. The dignity of the child as well as the integrity of the parents must be upheld.

3.2 A key question that arises is this: should IVF children know about the circumstances of their birth? Here there is strong possibility of a clash between the interests of the parents and those of the child. IVF children may need to be told by the parents at a time and in a way appropriate to their understanding and within a relationship of trust and support. It is considered that accurate medical records of the circumstances of the IVF conception should be kept permanently.

3.3 If donated ova or sperm are used the situation becomes more sensitive. Then it is somewhat analogous to AID and even adoption. Many adopted people have suffered anguish because of ignorance of their biological heritage and the difficulty of obtaining information. IVF children can be put in a similar position. However, this psychological need of the child also has to be balanced against the right of the donor to be anonymous and the desirability from the parents' point of view that this should be so.

4. COUNSELLING AND THE NEEDS OF PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

4.1 The final diagnosis of permanent infertility is nearly always a shock; it is but human to hope. Infertile people admit to feelings of anger, hurt, loneliness and loss of meaning and direction in life. Frequently, they find few people with whom they dare to reveal their distress; even close relatives may offer the one-time solution of, "Why don't you adopt?" Reactions may include depression which can be long lasting and debilitating; a sense of hopelessness about the future; feelings of inadequacy and lack of completeness; loss of sexual identity; guilt towards the partner; anger with the partner or with oneself or with the doctor. Although expectations for women to conform to the role of wife and mother are changing, an infertile woman may still be embarrassed if asked to explain why she apparently prefers not to start a family.

4.2 Treatment for infertility carries its own stress. Infertility is a medical condition; not being able to have a child is a painful, stressful situation. Certainly no one dies from infertility, but psychological well-being can be seriously impaired to the extent that lives

2.3 FOLLOWING SHOULD READ:

2.3 In Old Testament times the family as a social unit was of fundamental importance. The inheritance of land was one way in which the family was sustained. God's blessing on the family was believed to be seen in their inheritance of land. A childless couple was considered to be under a curse and in the patriarchal society of the time generous provision was made to enable a man to be provided with an heir when his wife was barren. It has been suggested, in relation to IVF, that the Old Testament custom which permitted a man to have a child by his wife's slave (Gen.16) is analogous to having a child by IVF with a donated ovum, and the practice of levirate marriage (in which a man was regarded as having an heir after his death through his widow's marriage to his brother) as analogous to having a child by IVF through donor sperm. For 20th century Christians the analogy breaks down because the Old Testament emphasis on kinship and inheritance is not as applicable today. It demonstrates the extent to which the community was prepared to go in trying to meet the stress created by childlessness.

2.4. Churches of the modern age (19th and 20th centuries) have promoted an ideal of marriage as a loving relationship between a man and a woman in which "provides a secure and loving environment for family life, in which children can grow to full maturity as persons". Such statements as the following have become part of our ideology: Happy marriage and stable family life strengthen the whole fabric of society and are vital to the creation of the co-operative and peaceful community. This dominant modern ideal has become so strong that a woman and a man who are infertile may feel impoverished and suffer deeply.

2.5 The concepts of family and kinship were strong in Old Testament days too, but in patrilineal terms. Today more emphasis is given to fulfilling emotional needs and to providing an environment for children.

2.6 It is important that we consider the IVF technique as a process, without having our judgement distorted by the imagining the possible use of this procedure in some doubtful or undesirable situation. If the parents maintain a secure and loving relationship with each other and IVF child will be welcomed as an expression of their love as husband and wife and the natural expression of their sexual union. Objections to IVF are made because it is "an exercise in the skilful production of people"; "not an expressive act of love" and "the child comes into being as an end product of a process managed by people other than the parents" (Fleming). This ignores the context of the event and the essential contribution made by parents. In God's creative activities human co-operation often is involved.

2.7 Christians believe that all life is a gift from God and participates in the nature of God. The birth of a child is a miracle; the birth of a child by IVF is a modern miracle.

and marriages may be disrupted. The treatment may result in pregnancy but the possibility of infertility and childlessness in seeking medical help is also a source of tension. Further sources of stress include the intrusion into privacy, loss of control over the future, prolonged uncertainty, the need for embarrassing, inconvenient and painful procedures and possibly stress in the marriage relationship.

4.3 Readily available good counselling is essential. A counsellor needs to be aware of the stages a couple has gone through before reaching the point of seriously considering IVF. Counselling should aim to help couples accept that they may never have children and that they will have to live with infertility. Each step of the IVF programme must be discussed and consideration given to any problem area such as the possibility of multiple births. Moral issues and legal problems need to be faced. This would include a knowledge of the stance of the medical team. Emotional as well as medical needs require answers.

4.4 The decision to participate in the IVF programme depends to a large extent on attitudes, values and feelings of the couple and on how they solve problems. The degree to which a couple will cope will depend both on their personal maturity and on the strength of their marital relationship.

5. CONSTRUCTIVE FEATURES OF IVF IN MEDICAL TERMS

5.1 According to Professor Dennis Bonham (Head, Post-graduate Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology at National Women's Hospital, Auckland) the consequences of infertility become more acute, because adoption is no longer an option for many couples. Over the past 20 years there have been a great many advances in treatment. These include ovarian stimulation, advances in tubal microsurgery, AID and the most recent advance, IVF and ER (process by which the embryo^{is} returned to the uterus).

5.2 IVF and ER were developed initially as a bypass procedure for the treatment of some 20% of couples whose infertility was caused by obstruction of the fallopian tubes. Very simply, the process creates an artificial fallopian tube.

5.3 The main alternative treatment for this form of infertility, tubal surgery, even in the best hands, has a success rate of no more than 30%, although this may be higher in the cases where reversal of a previous sterilisation operation is performed. Tubal grafts and artificial tubes have proved unsuccessful, as has an early surgical procedure of transposing the ovary to the uterus (Este and Heitmeyer, 1934). The transfer of the mature oocyte (a

cell which produces an ovum or egg) to the uterine cavity, with subsequent 'natural' fertilization has also been attempted with low success rates (Shettles).

5.4 Thus, most patients having IVF and ER are failures of tubal surgery or are not suitable for tubal surgery because of grossly damaged or absent tubes, and do not wish, or are unable to adopt. Couples with infertility due to this cause, provided they fulfil the other criteria, are those accepted into the NWH programme.

5.5 Overseas units have now shown that there are other indications that may be treatable by IVF and ER.

- (a) Idiopathic infertility, i.e. infertility of unknown cause after full investigation;
- (b) Abnormality of spermatazoa. It has been suggested as a treatment for oligospermia (low sperm count) or other sperm defects because of the assumption that IVF requires only small numbers of sperm.

5.6 IVF, along with ER, is probably the most significant advance in the treatment of the infertile couple that has occurred in the last 20 years. The procedure makes a pregnancy possible for many couples who would not otherwise have children.

6. EDUCATION/PREVENTION OF INFERTILITY

6.1 Infertility is usually defined as an inability to conceive after trying for at least one year. At least 10% of couples are believed to be infertile. Causes of infertility are evenly spread between the sexes: 40% female, 40% male, 5% immunological causes between the couples, and 15% where there is no apparent cause.

6.2 IVF is concerned with a selective area of female infertility. Tubal infertility arises as a result of pelvic infection but may also follow endometriosis (a pathological condition), bilateral tubal ectopic pregnancy (pregnancy occurring in the tubes) or sterilization.

6.3 Pelvic infection leading to infertility may result from

- (a) promiscuity in young women. This leads to a greater risk of venereally transmitted disease (especially gonococcus and chlamydia). The chances of infertility increase markedly with each additional infection. We doubt that many people are aware that venereal disease is associated with infertility among young people. Education related to these consequences of promiscuity is inexpensive and far less stressful to the individual than subsequent concern about possible infertility, prolonged treatment and perhaps partici-

pation in an IVF programme with its present low success rate.

- (b) The association of intra-uterine contraceptive devices with pelvic infections, particularly in young women who have never had a child. There is also a 3-4 fold increase in the risk of tubal pregnancy which results in loss or damage to a fallopian tube.
- (c) Following abortion, either spontaneous or therapeutic.

6.4 It is therefore obvious that both the medical practitioner and the prospective patient need to be aware of the causes of pelvic inflammatory disease and that any treatment is prompt, vigorous and closely supervised.

7. MEDICAL/ETHICAL PROBLEMS ARISING FROM IVF

7.1 "Medical ethics are obligations of a moral nature which govern the practice of medicine... they embody the standards by which each practitioner should inform his(sic) conscience, his capacity for moral reasoning and so govern himself in his practice... It is the responsibility of the profession to develop its ethics to accommodate new demands and circumstances not encountered before ..."
(Dunstan 1981)

7.2 Medical technological advances pose the problem but ethical decisions cannot be left to the medical profession. It is also the responsibility of members of the wider society to evaluate critically the ethics of the medical profession on specific medical issues and determine to what extent they can be accepted. Although the profession often has to take the lead in making ethical decisions the questions it now faces are of such urgency, significance and consequence that responsibility for final decisions must be shared as widely as possible. This presupposes that we have ready access to information about current medical research, practice and directions. "The fact that we can do something does not mean that we ought to do it."

7.3 Because of the nature of ethics it is not possible to arrive at answers which would be universally acceptable to all people. It is impossible to have a value-free ethical argument on the subject of IVF. The values we place on ourselves, people, the embryo and the foetus influence our decisions about what is moral or ethical in this argument. This is so whether we explicitly base our ethics on values learnt and selected from the Christian tradition or on values derived from a secular philosophy. However, discussion and thought about the issues may help us to ask the right questions concerning

our motives, decisions and actions so that we may be rationally self-conscious about them and act responsibly.

7.4 The main areas of ethical concern are :

- A The status of the early embryo and its relation to clinical and laboratory research
- B The risk to the IVF child
- C Laboratory assisted reproduction
- D IVF outside marriage
- E Allocation of medical resources
- F Questions about the future

7.4 A.THE STATUS OF THE EARLY EMBRYO

7.4.A.1 The moral status of the early embryo is probably the most important ethical issue associated with IVF. At one end of the spectrum are those who believe that the foetus is a human being from the earliest stage of its development and at the other extreme are those who assert that the foetus does not become a human person until it is born alive and lives independently outside the mothers body .

A.2 The in vitro fertilised embryo is usually transferred to the uterus at a very early stage. This is 36 to 48 hours after fertilisation when the embryo has only 2 to 4 to 8 cells. (Even at the end of 7-8 weeks the embryo does not have a completely developed brain and thus lacks the necessary connections for feeling or sensation.

A.3 Implications of embryonic status are :

(a) Wastage of transferred embryos and disposal of untransferred embryos.

The status accorded to the embryo determines whether or not this is a problem. In the process of IVF, particularly with the use of ovulation inducing agents, more than one ovum may be harvested and fertilised. Transfer of more than one - often three - embryos gives a higher chance of pregnancy, but also an increased risk of a multiple pregnancy, with the ensuing risk of premature labour and delivery which attends multiple pregnancies. Even with the transfer of 3 embryos the pregnancy rate is at best only 30% (Edwards). Early embryo wastage occurs naturally and regularly in other situations, viz in-vivo(natural) fertilization and contraception. With in-vivo fertilization there is a 70% failure rate even though more than 50% of oocytes exposed to fertilization become embryos. Intra-uterine contraceptive devices (I.U.C.D.s) and the 'morning

after pill' involve embryo wastage.

(b) Cryopreservation (storage by freezing)

If as a result of ovulation induction and fertilization more embryos are created than are required for replacement, the question of embryo fate arises. This is not an issue at National Women's Hospital where no more than 3 ova are harvested. If the patient is unwilling to accept the slight risk of a multiple pregnancy then only two oocytes will be fertilized and then returned to the uterus.

Cryopreservation is a practice adopted overseas. It offers one definite advantage: embryos can be used in subsequent cycles in the same woman should the first attempt at ER fail. In this way further anaesthetics and surgical procedures to collect ova could be avoided and the excess embryos would not necessarily be wasted. One child has already been born in Melbourne as a result of this process (Prof. Carl Wood, Dept of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Monash University).

The subsequent fate of frozen embryos also raises problems which would be avoided if it were possible to freeze the ova before fertilization. Sperm can be frozen.

Ethical and legal questions resulting from the freezing of embryos are :

1. For what length of time should embryos be kept?
2. Who owns the embryo, particularly in the event of death of one of the donors?
3. Who is authorised to destroy frozen embryos?

(c) Research performed on embryos

The Royal College of Obstetrics & Gynaecology (RCOG) Ethics Committee on IVF and ER or ET supports the published view of the Medical Research Council (Eng) that "scientifically sound research on the processes and products of IVF between human gametes (ova and sperm cells) is ethically acceptable and should be allowed to proceed on condition both that there is no intention to transfer to the uterus any embryo resulting from or used in such experiments and also that the aim of the research is clearly defined and directly relevant to clinical problems such as contraception or the differential diagnosis and treatment of infertility and inherited diseases". In the view of the above Committee human ova fertilized with human sperm should not be cultured in vitro beyond the implantation stage and should not be stored for unspecified research use. Any proposal to do research before the implantation stage should also be subject to the informed consent of the gamete donors.

It is doubtful whether this consent could be rational if applicants feel that they may be excluded from an IVF programme if they are unwilling to agree to the research

being performed on any resulting spare embryos. Again, one's views on this type of research depend on the moral status accorded to the embryo.

7.4B THE RISK TO THE IVF CHILD

B.1 One fear is that the normality of babies born by IVF cannot be guaranteed and that the only way of avoiding the uncertain risks associated with IVF is "abstinence from this particular technology". So far there is no evidence that children born following IVF and ER have a higher risk of congenital abnormality than children conceived naturally (i.e. 4-5%). This statement obviously is based upon information from the relatively small number of babies born following the use of this technique. Safeguards are :

- (a) only those embryos developing normally are re-implanted
- (b) spontaneous abortion of defective embryos
- (c) amniocentesis (withdrawal of fluid from around the foetus) for diagnosis of chromosomal and neural tube defects may be offered
- (d) continued monitoring of the situation.

7.4C LABORATORY ASSISTED REPRODUCTION

How natural is it?

It may be argued that the close inter-relationship of love, procreation and sexual intercourse separates human life from animal life. Such a view suggests that sexual intercourse is an expression of love and that a child is a tangible symbol of this. There may be a very strong bond of love and support in an infertile marriage and IVF may offer the only opportunity for having a child. It may be said that separation of the natural sex act from procreation can be justified when natural reproduction is impossible.

The argument used by some opponents of IVF that masturbation, required to obtain semen for the process, is sinful, is of doubtful significance.

7.4D IVF OUTSIDE MARRIAGE

The ideal situation for IVF and ER to occur is in a married, heterosexual couple using their own gametes to produce the IVF child. However, other situations arise where IVF may be sought and they need to be considered. They are as follows :

- (a) A de facto relationship. Some couples prefer not to be legally married and yet have a long-term stable relationship.
- (b) The use of donated sperm and/or ova for a couple. Some couples seeking IVF may have additional impaired aspects of their fertility; such as a

woman who has inaccessible ovaries, is not ovulating, or suffers from transmissible disease; or a man with azospermia (without sperm) or transmissible disease. These situations do raise the same ethical and legal problems as AID, and the same careful criteria for selection of donors would be necessary.

(c) IVF for lesbian couples and/or single women.

This situation is more likely to arise in relation to AID as most women are fertile. Since the importance of children having both a woman and a man to care for them is so widely accepted in this society- even if denied frequently in practice - it is unlikely that serious consideration would be given to permitting lesbians or single women to participate.

(d) Surrogate mothers. A woman may be a bad reproducer; she may have uterine abnormalities or recurrent toxæmia in pregnancy. However, this situation raises many psychological, moral and legal difficulties and is considered by the RCOG Ethics Committee as unethical.

7.4E ALLOCATION OF MEDICAL RESOURCES

One argument used against IVF is that of the wrongful allocation of medical and financial resources.

Argument for :

1. According to Dr F.M. Graham of NWH the cost of the procedure is difficult to calculate in a public hospital but it is probably no more than \$2,000 per treatment cycle, and with advances in technique such as the ultrasonic retrieval of oocytes this may decrease further. The costs in IVF and ER involve 3 steps :

- i. collection of the mature eggs from the woman, usually by laparoscopy- an operation in which a surgical telescope is passed into the uterine cavity under general or local anaesthetic;
- ii. fertilisation of the egg in the laboratory and growth of resultant embryo/s for two days;
- iii. replacement of the embryo/s via the cervix into the uterus.

2. Infertility is a medical condition. As Dr Graham reasons, "Hippocrates decrees that the doctor has the right to relieve suffering and no one would argue that infertility is not a form of suffering. If IVF can relieve suffering, then we must give this treatment to people who may benefit".

Argument against

1. In an over-populated world it may be argued that expensive procedures designed to create new lives are a wasteful allocation of medical resources, but this argu-

ment has little appeal to an infertile couple who at best may have the opportunity to have only one child on an IVF programme. Other forms of infertility are treated medically, and tubal infertility can be treated too.

2. It cannot be ignored that IVF research comes under the heading of 'Scientific Breakthrough' and gains high status for the medical profession. Preventive medicine in the form of education and early treatment for infertility does not have the same sensational nature, but it can help a far greater number of people physically and psychologically, and at reduced cost.

The technical nature of the IVF procedure means that it will be limited to those hospitals able to provide the expertise and back-up procedures. At present in New Zealand only NWH is providing a limited IVF and ER programme.

7.4 F QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FUTURE

The possible long-term consequences of the knowledge stemming from IVF technique have been raised by both its proponents and opponents. Robert Edwards argues that the possibilities arising from genetic engineering are issues quite distinct from the alleviation of human infertility. Others are just as sure that the developments will not stop with the success of IVF. These possibilities include the following :

- (a) Genetic selection. This has the positive potential for overcoming current incurable hereditary diseases by replacing defective genes with healthy ones. However, it also raises the possibility for the future of predetermining such characteristics as physical features and probable intelligence. Although there is much publicity about manipulating genes scientific knowledge is still at an elementary stage.
- (b) Sexing of blastocysts. This could take place 5 days after fertilization. It could be applied to avoid sex-linked genetic disorders usually occurring in males; such as haemophilia, or as a preference for children of a particular sex. The latter on a large scale could result in a demographic imbalance between the sexes.
- (c) Ectogenesis. This means total development outside the womb. This is not possible with present techniques.
- (d) Cloning. The cloning of human cells is not possible at present.

- (e) Hybridization (cross-breeding) or production of a chimera. Neither is the production of human-animal hybrids possible.

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QUESTIONS :

A Moral/Social Issues

1. Do you agree that separation of the natural sex act from procreation can be justified when natural reproduction is impossible?

2. Do you agree with Dr Graham? "Hippocrates decrees that the doctor has the right to relieve suffering and no one would argue that infertility is not a form of suffering. If IVF can relieve suffering, then we must give this treatment to people who may benefit."

3. Should IVF be available to any other than those couples legally married?

4. Should IVF with with donated gametes be available to couples?

5. Can the use of surrogate mothers be justified
 - (a) if the female partner cannot physically bear a child?
 - (b) for any other reason?
6. Are there dangers in telling a child of his/her IVF beginnings
 - (a) when the parents' own gametes are used?
 - (b) when donated sperm/ova are used?
7. Do you think that knowledge of an IVF conception would affect other family relationships?
8. Does IVF threaten:
 - a) the institution of marriage?
 - b) the family?
 - c) our society?

B. Legal/Social Issues

IVF raises complex legal issues and it seems likely that Parliament will be required to legislate in this area in the future.

Some of the major legal questions which arise are :

1. The Frozen Tissues

- i. Who owns the frozen sperm and the frozen embryos which may be stored in the hospital?
- ii. In the event of a husband dying, does the wife have the right to be inseminated with his frozen sperm?
- iii. In the event of the wife dying is the husband entitled to have stored frozen embryos implanted in another woman?
- iv. In the event of both husband and wife dying, who decides what should be done with the embryos?
- v. Are a husband and wife entitled to leave the frozen embryos to other persons by will?
- vi. Who is responsible for the welfare of the embryo, what is its legal status, and who is entitled to destroy it?

2. The Law of Wills

- i. Do children born from donated sperm or ova have a right to succeed to the property of their

biological parents (a) in the event of intestacy, (b) in the event of a general bequest in the biological parents' will "to my children"?

- ii. Do such children have a right to apply for further provision from the estate under the Family Protection Act 1955?

3. Paternity - Maternity

- i. What are the legal obligations or responsibilities of the donor of sperm or ova? For example, could a paternity or maintenance order be made against the donor of sperm?
- ii. What records should be kept by hospitals and what should appear on a birth certificate?
- iii. Do IVF children have a right to know that they were IVF babies, and a right to know who were their biological parents in the case of donated sperm or ova?
- iv. In the event of a surrogate mother giving birth to an IVF baby, is the baby the child of the surrogate, or of the donor of the ova, or both?

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION

REPORT TO CONFERENCE

Conference gave us a heavy programme of work and much of this was achieved by the time of the annual meeting in September.

Erosion of the Welfare State

Six studies on the above were prepared using as a basis the position paper prepared for last Conference. These were widely distributed and made available to parishes and Synods throughout the country.

Summary of Replies

Although almost fifty parishes were involved in one way or another with the study on the "Erosion of the Welfare State", few were able to make recommendations or even write a report. The answers gave a diversity of opinions. There was concern that the subject was difficult and the problems were remote from the majority of parishioners indicated by apathy or indifference. A few were critical of the position paper feeling it exaggerated or generalised the actual situation in New Zealand society today, others conveyed a sense of not knowing how to bring about change, and others of not wanting to become involved in political action feeling that this is not the role of the Christian Church. However most replies endorsed the position paper and study document.

Several reports indicated that the wealthy have benefitted by Government policies and the poor have become more disadvantaged. One report stated "Christians are as much a part of the electorate as they are part of the Church. The erosion of the Welfare State as set out in the papers is a challenge to Christians analogous to the challenge the Priest, the Levite and the Samaritan faced on the road to Jericho..." Some suggested the Church should show a deeper care and concern for others in the community as part of their Christian responsibility in society.

Most agreed that New Zealand is facing social and economic problems which affect health services, housing, education, employment and family welfare.

Most felt that as Christians we should be actively fighting against poverty and taking an advocacy role on behalf of the poor and discriminated, even if it may be distasteful, and disillusioning. This may include a review of the use of our Church buildings and resources in order that we may give hope to the poor. Some felt the mission of the Church is to provide

practical, innovative, creative care for the underprivileged and those unable to care for themselves and to give witness to the possibility of a just, caring society, so that no individual is left uncared for.

One group felt that the mission of the Church is to save souls, and not to get involved in politics or welfare work for the sake of doing good.

Suggestions & Comments

1. Health

- appointment system for specialists with limited number of patients
- more trained psychiatrists
- hospital Chaplaincy services with roster of "on-call" Ministers
- more awareness of needs of Maori and Pacific Islanders
- encourage use of Plunket services
- subsidy on Doctors' fees for those on lower income
- more funding available for health education, preventive medicine and community health care
- review of effects of private medical insurance and hospital to the detriment of the public sector.

2. Education

- schooling should provide opportunities for job-training
- funds should be available for continuing education.

3. Housing

- health is at risk unless there is adequate and appropriate housing
- encourage free enterprise to build low-cost housing
- lower mortgage rates available for first home owners
- subsidise housing for those on low incomes.

4. Employment

- if the economic situation improves the unemployment situation may ease
- work schemes for unemployed should lead to real jobs not temporary measures.

5. Family Welfare

- that the Methodist Conference urge the Government to investigate the matter of fully employed persons receiving superannuation

- urge Government to give adequate protection and subsidies to struggling families and retired low-income people
- minimum wage with carefully worked out tax adjustments so that the family receives more in take home pay than a single person
- means tests are demeaning and discourage people from saving.

6. Poverty

- is the social welfare system in its present format relevant considering the growing poverty and hardship faced by an increasing number of New Zealanders?
- the Church should play a greater advocacy role to ensure that welfare is administered fairly and justly.

7. General

- that MSSA or Public Questions Committee produce a theological and Biblical basis for discussion in the Church to help maintain the vision of a caring and responsible society.

Oppressed Urban Communities

A Conference has been held in the Central M.S.S.A. area. Discussions have been held in the Canterbury area regarding strategies for ministry of the Inner City ring of Churches.

There have been similar discussions at the Central Regional Synod in Auckland regarding the Inner City ring of Churches. The subject is a continuing concern of the Community and Social Services Division of the Auckland Central Mission in Auckland and of the Urban Rural Mission in Whangarei.

Eighth Australian and New Zealand Social Service Conference

The theme of the Conference, "From Welfare to Justice" was expressed in an experimental way with only four major addresses over four days and four excellent Bible Studies on Luke taken by The Rev. Keith Rowe.

A day was spent on the Te Tirau Hou Marae at Panmure and another morning looking at various aspects of community development work. There was plenty of time for reflection and an exchange of views.

Foster Care

It was noted that out of a committee of ten set up by the Minister of Social Welfare to consider foster care, two were staff members of the N.Z.M.S.S.A.

Council of Christian Social Services

It was reported that the Rev. Owen Robinson had recently been appointed as the first full-time Executive Officer of the Council of Christian Social Services. It had been felt for some time that the Council which represented six Church Social Service Agencies should be more adequately represented in Wellington. The M.S.S.A. agreed to the appointment and to the extra cost entailed.

Recommendations

1. That the Reports and Financial Statement be received.
2. That the Rev. D.B. Gordon be re-appointed as Convenor of the N.Z.M.S.S.A.
3. That the M.S.S.A. in consultation with the Public Questions Committee prepare submissions for the proposed Royal Commission on Social Security.

AUCKLAND METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION

ANNUAL REPORT 1984

During the last decade we have seen considerable changes in the outlook and philosophy of the Central Mission. We have moved from being fairly conservative in our approach concerned mainly with the institutional care of the aged and with a certain amount of relief work, to an organisation that has much wider horizons and seeks to ask some basic questions of society arising from the Gospel.

We still continue to do a significant work in caring for children and elderly people but we have also accepted the challenge of community building and questioning some of the structures of our society. This mood is reflected all through the M.S.S.A. out of which came the important study on the "Erosion of the Welfare State."

We have identified ourselves with the challenge of the Conference to work towards the formation of a bi-cultural Methodist Church in Aotearoa. We are not quite sure where this is going to lead us. Some of the decisions which we will have to make in the days to come will undoubtedly be painful but we must be alive to the leading of the Spirit of God.

We produced a popular report for distribution among our people and the wider community. It gives an impression largely through pictures of some of the things that we are doing.

Aged Care - We are finding an increasing number of people who are frail and confused. We have set aside sections in our larger Homes for people who are afflicted with Alzheimer's disease and we are seeking to give them more specialist care. New extensions at Wesley Hospital will be opened shortly providing 18 beds, 10 of them being replacement and 8 new beds. We are taking more people and are increasing our staff at our Day Centre at St. Margaret's, Everil Orr Homes and a new Day Centre at Wesley Hospital is under construction. At Kamo Home in Whangarei a new Day Centre is almost completed and early in the New Year we expect to commence work on a 13 bed extension for frail people.

During the year Even-Star Homes (Inc.) which ran a rest home in Mt. Eden known as Amber Lea, sold the Home and gave the proceeds to various Church social service agencies in the area.

The greater part - a munificent gift of \$300,000, was given to the Central Mission to assist in the building of a new 18 bed block at Wesley Hospital for confused frail people and with the establishment of a day centre. The cost to the Mission of these buildings, together with furnishings and ground development is approximately \$350,000 over Government subsidy. This gift goes the greater part of the way in closing the gap. The name Amber Lea will be perpetuated in the new block which will be officially opened in October.

An Aged Care Committee has been set up to consider the question of aged care and aging in depth as distinct from day to day management of our Homes and Hospitals. One of their first tasks was to prepare a report on Ageism which has gained wide approval in the Methodist Church and in the community at large.

Child Care - Our Child Care Department continues its excellent work. In preventative work we seek to keep families at risk together, we offer foster care and care for children in family homes. Crippling high costs led to a decision to close our Sunnynook residential care centre temporarily. Later, after discussions with officers of the Department of Social Welfare, it was re-opened as a partnership between the Mission and the Department with contributions from, and benefits accruing to each. In this partnership the Department of Social Welfare uses the centre as a preparation place for children who are moving into adoption and need a waiting place while they are getting to know their new parents. Our own social workers use the centre for children who are also waiting for the "right" foster parents. This may take a few days or several weeks.

Community & Social Services Division - In this section the Mission has developed several promising partnerships with the community. One of our social workers started work in a small enclave of State Housing known as McGehan Close and Delphine Place in late 1980. His role was to enable the community to build up its resources and to build new relationships with government agencies in the wider Owairaka and Waikowhai. It was developed in partnership with Te Whanau O Puketapapa Tu Tangata and the Roskill Work Skills Project which has given rise to family focus programmes within the mainly Maori community. There the Community and Social Services Division has been able to participate in an unobtrusive partnership which will contribute to a strong and self sustaining future for community groups. The questions posed by such communities to the church are, "What have you from your richness to share with us?" and "How will you receive what we have to give you?" We are finding that many parishes are unable to break down these barriers and this is a task which the Church calls us to do. We have recently entered into a three year contract with the Board of Management of Friendship House which is a joint project by 6 churches in Manukau City. Our Community & Social Services will provide the management of the House and assistance with development of ministry there. This will enable us to build a closer working relationship with the churches concerned and free up some resources for the employment of an additional community worker.

Work Skills - We are grateful to several people from the Papakura Parish who have given invaluable voluntary help and guidance to our Work Skills Department. They have assisted in the setting up of a large firewood cutting contract and in the work in our sewing and woodwork shops. Our primary task is to assist those trainees who come to us to achieve a sense of purpose and self worth and help them to become used to the work environment.

Auckland Community Stores - We have just finished our first full year of operation in our Community Stores and we appreciate the help and support we have had from the community. We now have four stores and a large warehouse where clothes and other goods are sorted and packed for our shops.

Finance - Our cost of care programme this year was just over five and a quarter million dollars. Because of the price freeze the income

which would have been due from a rent review from tenants in our multi storey building was severely curtailed. This meant we had something over two hundred thousand dollars less than we should have had available for our community and social service work.

Amalgamation. A Methodist cause has been established on the Auckland Methodist Central Mission site for 133 years while less than a mile up the road Pitt Street Church has witnessed for 118 years. Until recently there has been little contact between the two congregations. Arising, however, out of the ministry and mission of Roger Herft in 1982 there has been much closer association and as a result we rejoice that we bring to this Conference a resolution for the total amalgamation of the two causes to form the Auckland Central Parish and Mission.

This move will provide a stronger congregational base for the Mission's work and we believe a more effective ministry to the city. The congregations will be united but using both sets of buildings for worship and mission.

Conclusion. Our popular report which has been produced for church members in our area and many friends in the community has enabled many people to gain a greater appreciation of the Mission's work. We are still anxious to do much more to assist parishes in community and social work in their own areas and especially to help them to relate to people in the community who are suffering economically and who for the most part are outside our normal church congregations. Many people are part of our organisation and we are grateful for the contribution of each one. Board members willingly give of their skills and time. Many staff members in all departments, as well as volunteers, find a true vocation in their work. We believe the Mission is a place of caring concern where people in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord join others in giving service and love.

D.B. GORDON
SUPERINTENDENT.

Recommendations:

1. *That the report be received.*
2. *That the Board of Management of the Auckland Methodist Central Mission for 1985 be nominated to Conference.*

CHRISTCHURCH METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION

Report to Conference 1984

In the past year the Mission has implemented a new management structure which we believe puts the Mission on a sound footing for the future. The Superintendent now leads a management team which includes a Director of Services and a Director of Administration. This team implements policy and accepts responsibility for the Mission's various operations. In the coming year the role and function of Committees is being reviewed and a restructured Board will be introduced.

The Mission provides a variety of welfare and helping programmes in response to personal and community needs. It seeks to develop new ways of meeting the needs of people. It facilitates the development of helping and caring programmes in parishes and communities and co-operates with other social service agencies. The achievement of social justice at local and national levels is amongst its objectives.

Family and Child Care

The Mission's family and child care programme seeks to improve family life. Social workers provide encouragement and counselling for families under stress. When family breakdown occurs, ongoing support is given. When it is no longer possible or appropriate for a child to live with parents, foster or residential care is available. Up to 60 children are cared for in foster homes at any one time. In most instances this is short term care. Day Care is provided for 24 pre-schoolers, mostly from disadvantaged family backgrounds. The Children's Home can provide care for up to 50 children and the Family Home for 8 children. There is a small unit for adolescent girls to assist in the transition to independent living. The future direction of the Mission's child care activities is currently under review.

The Eastling Parentcraft Centre is a joint agency venture administered by the Mission. It provides a short term live in programme for families facing difficulty. Counselling, support and training in parentcraft skills are provided. A specific programme is drawn up for each family in residence. An independent research project indicates an overall 80% achievement of goals by families in residence.

Aldersgate Workshops

Tuition, guidance and opportunity in craft and recreation is provided for the growing number of unemployed young people. A

similar but separate programme exists for those with social and psychiatric disabilities who are making the transition from institutional to community life.

The facilities are used by 250 - 300 unemployed people each week. These include individuals, work schemes and work trusts. The programme aims to enhance personal growth and develop skills. The recreation programme has recently been expanded. Staff have been involved in a variety of community concerns - Low Incomes Working Party, Benefit Rights Centre and a community mental health forum.

Friendship House Social Services

In the past year some 500 people have sought assistance with the basic provision of food, clothing or shelter. Many have spent large sums on accommodation and have little left for other needs. Others are waiting for benefit payments. The Mission is involved with two emergency houses which provide shelter for families with no accommodation. The Mission was host to approximately a hundred people for Christmas Dinner, most of them lonely people. Unemployment and housing concerns remain the issues that most concern Mission social workers.

Telephone Counselling

Life Line Christchurch was established by the Methodist Central Mission and still comes under its wing. It celebrated twenty years of service this year. A 24 hour telephone counselling service is provided by volunteers with back up social work facilities. In the last year 7,517 calls were recorded, a 24% increase on the previous year. On 3 December 1983 the 100,000th call was received. The greatest number of calls are concerned with human relationships, depression and loneliness.

Youth Line is a self directing telephone counselling service for youth supported by the Methodist Central Mission and operating from premises provided by the Mission. Staff are volunteers aged 18 - 28 years. Youth Line has links with Life Line for training and support. Approximately 3,500 calls were received in the last year.

Aged Care

The Mission in its aged care activities seeks to promote the ongoing growth of ageing people, so that even in their later years they may still live life to its fullest potential. Social workers assist many aged people to continue to live in their own homes.

Some 400 elderly people in the community are under the oversight of Mission social workers. The Mission seeks to support carers of the elderly and is developing a network of short term carers, so that both the elderly person and the carer can have a break from each other.

A number of elderly persons benefit from being able to move into the Mission's flats or Residential Club flatettes. In both complexes the elderly continue to live independently, looking after themselves. Residential and hospital care is provided at both Wesley and Fairhaven. In each instance the basic concern is for the wellbeing of the person. To this end there are outings, activities and discussion groups, to encourage both physical and mental stimulation.

A feature of those currently coming into care is that they are more frail and require a greater degree of oversight and attention. The Mission provides care for terminally ill aged people. An expanding group of 'Friends of Wesley and Fairhaven' support staff in many activities. The Mission is involved in the emerging concern for the elderly mentally confused. It is represented on a locally based committee to highlight the needs and problems of dementia sufferers and those caring for them.

The Mission shares in Aged Care activities beyond Christchurch. Wesley House, Picton, has its own Management Committee under the Board of the Mission. It provides residential accommodation for 40 people. Green Gables, Nelson, is a joint project with Presbyterian Support Services. It provides both hospital and residential care. Dixon House, Greymouth, is administered by the Anglican, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic social services as well as the Methodist Mission. Thirty people are provided with residential care.

Rehua

Rehua now comprises a Marae with Whare Nui, Whare Kai, Te Kohanga Reo, Te Whatumanawa Maoritanga O Rehua, and Te Maire Hostel. The Marae is administered by Trustees independently of the Mission. Te Kohanga Reo, the Maori language pre-school, also has its own Committee of oversight. The Te Whatumanawa group is the centre of cultural activities. The Te Maire Hostel administered by the Mission provides accommodation for 25 young people with support provided by a residential married couple and several Kaumatua. Rehua has become a focal point for the life of the Ngai Tahu people of the South Island.

In July Rehua mourned the death of its great leader Mr Riki Te Mairakei Taiaroa-Ellison, a Paramount Chief and Chairman of

the Rehua Marae Trustees. Mr Ellison was a focal point for Maori activities in Te Wai Pounamu.

Goodwill Industries

Goodwill recycles clothing and furniture donated to the Mission. These are made available at reasonable prices through an outlet of ten shops. As well as providing for people who rely on cheap goods, Goodwill provides a source of revenue to support the Mission's social service activities. Two new shops were opened in the past year. One of these sells only articles that are two dollars or less. It is estimated that on a typical trading day some 500 people enter a Goodwill shop.

Church Life

The Methodist Central Mission is committed to maintaining a worshipping community at the heart of the city. The Durham Street Church is the centre of the Mission's worship life. This year the church celebrates its 120th Anniversary. Members of the church seek to find their place as the church at the heart of the city. It seeks to struggle with urban and welfare issues in the light of the gospel. The congregation is seeking to take seriously the resolution of the last Conference that we seek to create a bi-cultural Methodist Church in Aotearoa. Members have gathered on the Marae for study and reflection. We are beginning to face up to the challenge in our church life. Children through a Learning and Sharing Programme now have a new and more meaningful significance in the life of the church. We are strong in study groups.

Conclusions

These are not easy days for voluntary agencies. Cuts in Government spending, indications of growing poverty, continued high levels of unemployment and the erosion of the Welfare State as we have known it, present many challenges. We intend to stand with those in need, and those who are being hurt by our society.

Recommendations:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Board of Management for 1985 be:
Mr N P Alcorn; Mrs M Barnett; Dr I D Blair; Mr A A Dingwall;
Rev. A A Grundy; Rev. B G Harkness; Mr N G Hillary; Miss P Hulks;
Mr P E Hulsman; Mrs E Hulsman; Mr M E Lloyd; Mr R Mitchell;
Mr R Moor; Mrs J Moor; Mr D Patrick; Rev. D Prince; Rev. J Roberts;
Rev. A W Tahere.
Staff associated with the Board: Rev. C M Russ (Secretary);
Mr J A Cullen (Accountant); Mr J W Kidd.

Dunedin Methodist Mission

Annual Report to Conference



The highlight this year in our work has been the resettlement of a group of twelve unattached Kampuchean minors. After a long period of negotiation instigated by the then Minister of Immigration, the Hon. Aussie Malcolm, it was agreed that the Dunedin Methodist Mission would act as 'sponsor' for a group of children. A team from the Department of Immigration visited various camps in Thailand at the beginning of the year and brought together twelve children, aged 11 and older. These children were the victims of the long and bitter civil war which has ravaged their country for the past decade. Some of them, in fact, have really very little memory of a stable family life and have moved from one part of the country to another often just ahead of the forces that were destroying the fabric of their society. The group came to New Zealand under the oversight of a young husband and wife who had two of their own children and the total group of sixteen were accommodated in Wesley Manor, an older property belonging to the Mission in Andersons Bay, which had been specially renovated for the purpose. Instead of the group going through the normal reception procedures at Mangere Resettlement Centre, all this work was done by the various Departments and agencies in Dunedin over a period of approximately six weeks.

The process of resettlement has been a long one and has not been completed even yet after six months. The children were immediately made Wards of State under the guardianship of the Director-General of the Department of Social Welfare. This administrative decision has necessitated a careful process of adjustment and management. It has been necessary to consider fulltime staff appointments of both a social work and supervisory nature. The Mission has had outstanding cooperation from the Department of Social Welfare and from the Department of Immigration. It has not been an easy task, however, and the first priority of all concerned has been to ensure that the children in particular are made to feel that they belong and that there is no sense of insecurity as they become part of the Dunedin community. There is a substantial Kampuchean group in Dunedin and these people, too, have been more than helpful in their support for the work of the Mission. Mention needs to be made in this report of the work being done by the various educational institutions, the special unit at Bayfield High School, and the Adult Literacy Programme organised through the Otago Polytech.

It is not known when the oversight of the Mission will come to an end. As the children grow and leave school and take on jobs, or get married, or become independent in other ways, they will cease to be the immediate responsibility of the Mission and yet it is and will be the Mission's privilege to have participated in such a

worthwhile scheme. This is not to say that there have been no difficulties encountered. In any such pilot scheme these are to be expected, but the willing support of volunteers from within the Mission community and from the wider Dunedin community has made a significant contribution to the smooth running of this very significant scheme.

The major event within the Aged Care operation has been the inauguration of a Day Centre. This has been named for Hope Stark, a long-standing member of the staff of the Hospital and Home at Company Bay who died in 1983. The Day Centre was set up within the existing buildings with the assistance of subsidy help from the Department of Health. It is designed to provide a place to which residents of the Peninsula area can come, it is hoped on a regular basis, to participate in the life of the Hospital and Home community. They will receive if they wish physiotherapy and other nursing services, a meal, the chance to meet with other people and a variety of stimulating programmes.

The Day Centre has been further helped by the purchase of a specially equipped minibus financed from a Telethon grant. This enables the staff at the Hospital to travel around the Peninsula area to pick up those who wish to attend the Day Centre. It is one of the first operations of its type in Dunedin and may offer a way for the Dunedin Methodist Mission's Aged Care services to be made available to a wider section of the public.

For some time the Mission has been looking for ways to extend its operations beyond the confines of the city itself. At the present moment negotiations are under way in respect of both residential care for the elderly and rehabilitation work with ex-psychiatric patients in Invercargill.

The Mission has been in the Octagon for well over seventy years and now the days of the old Octagon Theatre are obviously numbered. Negotiations have begun between the Mission and various other parties in respect of possible building developments on that site. This is an exciting prospect and includes the possibility of re-establishing a Mission type ministry in the heart of the city.

Finally, the year under review marks the end of Frank Wilson's service as Secretary to the Mission. He has been in his present position for twenty-one years and has served the Mission and the church in an outstanding way. Tributes have been paid to him after this quite unique length of service.

Subsequent to the preparation of this report, the appointment of an Administration Director to take Frank Wilson's place will have been made.

D.J. Phillipps
Superintendent

F.W. Wilson
Secretary

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the membership of the Board for 1984 be:-
Donald J Phillipps, Superintendent; M. Joan Carter; Arthur R. Crosbie; Arthur A Duncan; Vicki S. Hart; Rodney R Hill; Scott S Holden; Timothy J Langlely; Alex C Mabon; Joan M. McDonald; R. Neil McLeod; Dr. Len. R. Robinson; Shirley V. Ungemuth; Frank W. Wilson.

M	S	METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE MANAWATU - A SUB-COMMITTEE OF HAWKES BAY/MANAWATU SYNOD BASED IN THE PALMERSTON NORTH PARISH
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This has been another significant year in the life of our Centre. Undoubtedly the highlight has been the celebration of our twentieth anniversary (in October 1982) but 1983 has also brought some advances in our social service activity. Certainly the major step has been the establishment of the Palmerston North Foodbank, but there have been other moves to feel good about as well. These are detailed below.

HOME SUPPORT

Bertha Zurcher continues her seemingly tireless work supporting families in times of crisis and difficulty. We still know of no other service quite like hers. However, it has been good to see and to participate in new moves in this crucial response to human problems.

With the aid of a grant from the N.Z. Family Trust we have employed a half-time co-ordinator to run a home support programme in Levin. This 'user-pays' service is aimed primarily at the elderly, who with appropriate support are able to remain in their own homes for longer periods.

Within Palmerston North we continue to be involved with the developments in the home help area. It is gratifying to see the increased recognition home help has gained.

FOODBANK

From the survey conducted in 1983 it was clear that many people were struggling financially (with all the attendant social and emotional difficulties) so after

consultation with other community groups we established this service which supplies emergency food and money to those in need. In the first ten months of operation approximately \$15,000 in food and money has gone to nearly 300 families and individuals, almost 90% of whom have been Social Welfare beneficiaries. Most of this food and money has come from twelve supporting churches, but many other individuals and groups in the community have donated as well.

Not content with simply distributing food to the 'poor' we have run one public seminar (during Christian Action week) on the poverty issue, have publicised the need through the media and are steadily gathering data and experience to enable us to speak more authoritatively on the subject.

To enable us to carry on the work begun we have recently employed a half-time social worker.

PERSONAL HELP

Other personal assistance to people in need continues in many forms, one of the most important being our 'Women under Stress' Fund. Supported largely by district Methodist Womens Fellowships we make grants to women experiencing many and varied difficulties. Examples are paying for such things as dentistry and hair appointments, travel, holidays and attendance at education courses - all needs which could not be met by other means, but extremely important to the women concerned.

EDUCATION

The two day seminar during our celebration week entitled "Mental Health, Religion and the Social Services" was well-attended and drew an encouraging response. In February we co-operated with some Presbyterian agencies in N.Z. to host Marlene Halpin, an American Dominican psychologist and adult educator. Her visit had a profound effect on many people as she helped them use their imagination to positive effect.

We have also run two assertiveness courses and another 'marriage enrichment' weekend.

COUNSELLING

This traditional service is still heavily used and staff are also in demand to provide supervision for other helping professionals.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Staff members are frequently engaged in providing their knowledge and skills to other agencies (eg. Parent-line, Marriage Guidance, Presbyterian Church) for education, supervision or professional consultation. They also maintain a high level of commitment to professional associations (eg. Methodist Social Service Assoc., Council

of Christian Social Services and N.Z. Assoc. of Social Workers) During the year the Director was appointed to the N.Z. Social Work Training Council.

MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE

The Management Committee restructured during the year to now run on a committee system covering such areas as policy and development, education, finances, and resources. We are confident a more efficient operation will result.

Financially, we have shown a continual increase in our income, particularly from Highbury House goodwill shop. The sale of rags has been a particular bonus, and we also now have a 'mobile shop' - clothes are taken to a state housing suburb and sold from a church hall.

CONCLUSION AND THANKS

A brief report such as this in the Conference handbook cannot give a total picture of the hard work and dedication involved in the life of the Centre over a year, but you will have seen from the comments so far that we are truly involved with the community at the point where the hurts and needs are, and hopefully in our education work, helping to prevent some of the tragedies of the past being repeated.

Many, many people have made the work possible - staff, Management Committee, volunteers, financial contributors, including Charitable Trusts, - and lots of donations. We would say 'thank you' for your part in this work of God's people in the world.

Ken Fay, Chairman
Philip McConkey, Director
Ian Boddy, Treasurer

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1 That the Report be received.
- 2 That the Management Committee for 1984/85 be:

Jim Andrew	Rene Gordon	David Petersen
Neville Bird	John Harding	Ann Pritchard
Ian Boddy	Jock Hosking	Graham Pritchard
Robyn Brown	Philip McConkey	Richard Waugh
Rendall Conwell	Val Osborne	Alan Webster
Ken Fay	Prue Patrick	David Weston
Rob Ferguson	Bob Pattison	Valerie Wycoff
Stan Good	Murray Patchett	Bertha Zurcher
Cecily Gordon	Margaret Perowne	

WESLEY SOCIAL SERVICES TRUST BOARD (INC.)

ANNUAL REPORT TO CONFERENCE

Traditionally Wesley Social Services has worked largely through institutional work at Wesleyhaven complex (Strand Home, Villas, Ricketts Court, Wesley Hospital and Jewish Care of the Aged Deckston Home, Epworth House (Community Youth at Claremont and Poneke Maori Circuit at Brougham House) and Goodwill Shops. As the needs in society change, it has become obvious that WSSTB must extend its services to children and families at risk, elderly people living in their own homes and in preventative care.

REVIEW:

During the past year WSSTB has endeavoured -

- * to consolidate its present work
- * to upgrade management practices including staff appraisals and finances
- * to look beyond institutional care towards developing services to meet new and challenging community needs
- * to develop closer relationships with Wesley Church and the wider synodal district
- * to improve public relations and co-operation with other agencies
- * to clarify objectives in the light of changing social, economic and political climate
- * to uphold the primary objective of ensuring the wellbeing of people, particularly those at risk and those in special need.

PRACTICAL RESPONSES:

1. During the year Task Groups in the Care of the Aged and in Child and Family Care were established to look at possible new directions and services to meet growing demands in the community. For the past 15 years Wesley Church and WSSTB has contributed to the community work of the Inner City Ministry. Any new developments are being made in liaison with ICM and are seen as complementary and as an extension of services now being offered. An essential element is the involvement of those with special skills and knowledge and those affected, in planning any new programmes.

Care of the Aged Task Group has made the following suggestions -

- * continuation and development of services at Wesleyhaven including more day care facilities, intermediate care and the provision of a chapel
- * domiciliary care including home help, assistance with transport, relief to relatives and enabling housing adjustments where appropriate (such as moving from large family home to small self-contained unit).
- * better co-operation and co-ordination between all agencies - public, private and religious - working in the field of aged care
- * appointment of a fulltime worker.

Child and Family Task Group has -

- * undertaken research into what is happening, where are the gaps in services and meeting needs and what could WSSTB do? (A social work student from Victoria University is responsible for this research programme).
- * recommended the appointment of a fulltime worker (job description includes working ecumenically and within a team, understanding of social and economic issues and their political implications, prevention and education, working with families at risk).
- * considered the possibilities for the future uses of Epworth House.

2. A special Board study day was held in March to set priorities for future development. These related to -

- * care of the aged
- * child and family care
- * structures and development
- * review of Goodwill shops and relocation
- * staff and volunteer training and supervision
- * fund raising.

THE WAY AHEAD:

It is recognised that the way ahead will not be without risk, difficulties and criticism if the church and social services are to respond more effectively to compelling needs and challenges today, and in the next two decades. The process has begun and there are a number of implications -

- * developing closer relationships between the church and social services requires some structural changes relating to Board and committees, involvement of staff and volunteers, selection of programme priorities, use of resources
- * an increasing advocacy role for the poor, the disadvantaged, the discriminated and the powerless, requires a redistribution of resources and efforts
- * maintaining institutional work at Wesleyhaven and Epworth House and at the same time reaching out into the community has implications for staffing and funding.

APPRECIATION is expressed to -

- * the many volunteers who work in the Goodwill Shops at Vivian Street, Island Bay and Taita, thus providing valuable income for development of services,
- * Board, Committee and Task Group members and other volunteers who assist in the work of social services,
- * the loyal and hardworking staff at Wesleyhaven and the residents for their cheerful co-operation and special fund raising efforts,
- * Donors, Trusts and Bequests.

CONCLUSION:

There has rarely been a time in our New Zealand history when social services were more needed. We recognize the necessity to work towards a just and caring society, more equitable distribution of

resources and the elimination of the underlying causes which create poverty. The suffering and cries of an increasing number of the poor, the disadvantaged, the discriminated in our New Zealand society cannot be answered by pious words, but through real commitment and tireless action that will ensure a quality of life for all. Our model should be founded on the teachings of Jesus where throughout His life He showed untiring love, anger at the oppressors and practical, caring, non-judgmental action for those in need.

KEITH J. TAYLOR

Chairman of the Board

ERICA BRODIE

Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Board for 1985 be:

WELFARE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE

REPORT TO CONFERENCE, 1984.

INTRODUCTION

At the beginning of the year, the Committee established priorities for its agenda and some matters are still under consideration. The Committee has taken seriously the call to examine time and place of meetings with a view to widening representation, and has taken this further to include an assessment of the committee's work.

PROCEDURES FOR THE ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT.

The committee has carefully considered all submissions pertaining to the electoral procedures. While aware that the election of a presbyter to the office of President or Vice-President can be said to be a response to the discipline of the church, we believe that the nominee's interest and willingness is an important factor in her/his ability to perform the task.

As this Conference is only the third occasion on which current procedures have been employed, this committee still maintains that insufficient time has elapsed for an objective appraisal to be made, and recommends no change to the present procedures. An additional report will be brought to Conference if Synod responses warrant it.

NOTICE OF MOTION RE ELIGIBILITY FOR NOMINATION TO THE PRESIDENCY.

Ref: Resolution 7, p 633, 1983.

The committee recognised that a matter of principle has been raised. This, along with other matters of principle pertaining to eligibility has been referred to the Faith and Order Committee.

CONNEXIONAL APPOINTMENTS.

Church Council has recommended an "examination of divisional structures". Therefore, the Welfare of the Church Committee has deferred consideration of the procedures for connexional appointments, but expects to participate in the review process.

STATIONING PROCEDURES.

The Welfare of the Church Committee reminds the church that the basic issue which came to its notice was pastoral rather than legislative. A basic principle of Methodism is the itinerancy of the ministry. This cannot be changed, even by Conference (Laws & Regulations 5.1.2(c)). The principle is further enunciated in the Section 'Appointment of Presbyters' (2.17.1) which says that "The Church practises the itinerancy of the ministry through all presbyters being available for stationing and by being stationed by the Conference annually". Furthermore, in the section of the 'Functions of Presbyters appointed to Parishes' the accountability of presbyters to the Conference is underlined. (3.6.1.)

Nevertheless, the rights of a Parish to negotiate for the ministry it considers it needs are protected by the present practice of request-

ing preparation of profiles. It should be stressed, however, that this means that the Parish has the right to describe ministry, rather than to name the minister. The Parish has the power to initiate discussion and at the appropriate Parish Meeting to 'make a decision regarding the appointment' (2.17.5.2). Secondly, the Parish has the right to 'communicate either personally or by letter with the Stationing Committee with reference to any appointment' (5.16.2.9). Thirdly, the Parish has the right, as has already been mentioned, to formulate and express its hopes and needs for ministry in the form of a profile. Finally, the Parish has the power to consider individual ministers at an appropriate time and, after consultation with the District Superintendent, to consult with them (2.17.8).

Within an appointment system it is important that there be an even-handed treatment of both Presbyters and Parishes. So far as Presbyters are concerned, there are adequate checks and balances (e.g. Section 2.26 on Pastoral Discipline and Trial).

However, there is no comparable section so far as parish relationships are concerned, and both individuals and parishes need to be encouraged to raise concerns at a much earlier stage than the law allows. The accountability of a Presbyter is clearly defined, but there is no comparable accountability of the Parish to Conference.

The Committee's intention is to continue to explore this area in conjunction with Synods, and to bring proposals to Conference 1985.

EXERCISE OF POWER IN THE CHURCH.

The report to Church Council, September 1983, was submitted to all presbyters. Ministerial Synods were asked to discuss and respond to the report. Responses have been received from eight Synods and two individuals. It appears from Synod responses that the reception of this report has given rise to very constructive discussion. The large number of recommendations contained in these responses are being studied and will duly be report

**Lynne Frith-Upson,
Convener.**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the present procedures for the election of President and Vice-President continue, and that the trial period be completed with a report to Conference, 1986.
3. That the Welfare of the Church Committee continues to explore the issues relating to Stationing, and report to Conference 1985.
4. That the membership of the Committee shall be:

WESLEY TRUST BOARD -- PAERATA

PHILOSOPHY

Throughout its history, the essential focus of a Wesley education has been the Methodist commitment to provide an understanding of the faith and the training of the students in Christian principles. This has been accomplished in a multicultural environment where pupils can appreciate the views of different races and become responsible citizens in the societies to which they return.

Current thinking in Maori and Pacific Island education is continually being evaluated by the Trustees and the members of the Board of Governors and a further re-assessment is now being made following the Waikato education hui earlier in the year.

FINANCIAL

The Board has contributed almost \$290,000 in beneficiary assistance, including bursaries, allowances and contributions towards hostel costs, which was an increase of 19½% on the previous year. Further assistance has again been gratefully received from the Robert Gibson Trust, the Maori Education Foundation, the Fletcher-Challenge Charitable Trust, the Auckland Savings Bank and in government and scholarship assistance.

As Wesley is an integrated school, no fees are payable for tuition. With the assistance available towards boarding fees, the funding of attendance is not beyond the resources of any prospective pupil, boy or senior girl.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The death of the Rev A K Petch was a great sorrow to the Board and the College.

A member of the Board for many years and Chairman of its Pastorate Committee, he made a very significant contribution to the work of the Trust. He also served on the Board of Governors.

Mrs M E Blakeley resigned during the year because of her other commitments and her wise counsel on educational matters will be missed.

The Revs B K Rowe and J A Penman and Messrs J H McCoskrie and G K Matheson were appointed to the Board to fill vacancies.

GIRLS AT THE COLLEGE

The 1985 target date for the admission of senior girls to the College has now been confirmed and the Board has commenced building a hostel and Matron's residence at the College.

Up to 25 girls (20 boarders) will be admitted at the commencement of the next academic year.

The Board has obtained from Church and other sources a significant part of the capital funding required for the new girls' hostel, although additional help is still needed to enable the total cost of the project to be met. The Church and associated Trusts include the Clothier Estate, the Sherwood Trust, the Smethurst Committee and the Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust (two grants).

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Principal (Mr J B McDougall) notes that again this year the full roll of 305 boys, the maximum permitted under the Integration Agreement, with 246 boarders and 59 day boys, has been maintained. There were 86 Maori students and 30 pupils from the Pacific Islands at the College.

The Pacific Islanders consisted of boys from Tonga (5), Samoa (4), the Tokelau Islands (6), Fiji (4), Nauru (3), the Solomon Islands (3), Papua - New Guinea (2) and elsewhere (3).

A continuing high academic standard has been achieved with one A bursary and four B bursaries and 24 students gaining University Entrance (the highest number in the School's history) and 27 qualifying for School Certificate in the 1983 examinations.

With one exception 1984 saw all leavers the previous year with a job or a firm commitment to further education. The one lad who did not secure work remained at Wesley and was employed by the Trust on the horticultural project. This was a gratifying outcome of the vocational guidance programme.

Commending teaching, domestic and farm staff on their loyalty and ability, the Principal said the College was fortunate that it had a stable staff. Retirement in 1983 included Mr Eric Meikle, a teacher for 23 years, and Mrs E Appleby, Domestic Manager for 7 years and before that chief cook for 4 years. The College was saddened when Matron J Johnston died after a period of ill health.

Mr Peter D Spratt head of the Science Department, was awarded the T L Hames staff study grant for 1984, enabling him to visit Northland Colleges to view their horticulture teaching facilities and attend the New

Zealand Science Teachers Conference in Wellington.

Mr McDougall himself visited Australia in May on behalf of the Trust to study boys' schools which admit girls in senior forms.

Some individual achievements by Wesley boys included Steve Autagavaia as the first pupil to win a North Island secondary schools' title in athletics, Richard Anderson as the College's first American Field Scholar (to West Germany), Simon Bailey as the North Island under 17 tennis champion, Colin Hickman, representing Auckland in a life saving team to USA and George Beck, a Solomon Island sixth former, the winner of the Bledisloe Cup senior speech contest in the Manukau area.

HORTICULTURE AND FARM

Spectacular progress has been achieved on the Grafton Downs town milk supply farm with production figures at record levels. This farm on which the College is located is a significant source of income for the Trust. In addition, further progress has been made on the development of the Horticultural Block (Fitzroy Grove) and 10 acres are now planted in kiwifruit with a further 5 acres being planted and structured during the current year and an additional 5 acres of persimmons and avocados being prepared. The cash cropping of squash for the Japanese market returned \$24,000 last year and this is expected to be significantly exceeded during the current year.

COLLEGE CHAPLAINCY

The Rev G Kane continues to make a significant impact on the total life of the College. In his second report, Mr Kane commented that he felt the Church could be proud of the school and what it was attempting to do in a difficult social climate. He believed the Trust, in its stewardship of assets, was meeting the needs of young people coming under its care.

He had been impressed with the level of commitment of the College staff in all departments and he found the happy and open relationship with staff and their families helpful in his professional role. Boys were taking an increasing part in worship in the Chapel and were accompanying him in the conduct of services in the circuit. Few of the Wesley boys had a relationship with a family Church.

Mr Kane has involved College boys in the activities of two Boys' Brigade Companies and he himself is also

working in the South Auckland Battalion. He has been privileged to conduct weddings and funerals in the Chapel for Old Boy and staff families.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Mr T G M Spooner, a Trust Board representative on the Board of Governors since its inception has assumed the Chairmanship, following the retirement of Mr Denton after six years in office. Mr Denton remains a Trust Board member of the Governors and Trust Chairman.

The Governors and indeed the whole College suffered a severe loss in the sudden death of the Rev B L Olsen a Parents' Representative for the last four years. He was deputy principal of Queen Victoria Maori Girls' School.

LAND ENDOWMENTS

It was reported last year that only one area in the Board's historic land endowment at Waikowhai remained undeveloped and this land has now been sold with the proceeds being invested in commercial land and buildings to provide a better return to the Board.

The further development of the freehold Grafton property owned by the Board has been deferred pending decisions that are being made relating to the former Trinity College site, but it is hoped that a joint development initiative with the Trinity Board may be possible before too long.

The joint venture commercial building at Mt Wellington noted in last year's report is now completed and occupied and the Board is continuing to progress the amendment to the Board's Act of Parliament to enable a joint venture arrangement to be entered into.

CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME

In addition to the girls' hostel, the Board is currently planning for the extension and upgrading of the College administration building and also the building of new sleeping accommodation for junior and intermediate pupils. Pending this project, the Board has reroofed the Junior and Intermediate dormitories and when the new accommodation is available, there will be additional study and recreational facilities for the junior school.

PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

Mr G E Hill, President of Conference, visited Wesley early in his term of office. He spoke to the school in Assembly and then met senior boys informally, before inspecting the College facilities.

TEN YEARS AS PRINCIPAL

The Board compliments Mr McDougall on the completion of 10 years as Principal, noting a roll increase from 204 in 1974 to the present 305 pupils, the successful move by which Wesley became the first school to be integrated under the 1975 Act, the modified course structures to meet new demands of the work force (horticulture, computer studies and commerce introduced), the maintenance of high teaching standards and many other gratifying features of the decade. Any fears of a loss of independence under integration proved unfounded, the special character of the College having been maintained and indeed strengthened. Mr McDougall has dedicated himself and led a supportive staff towards preserving the Christian philosophy as the cornerstone of Wesley's existence.

Major improvements to the College farm (Grafton Downs) and the launching of a commercial horticulture block (Fitzroy Grove) under Mr McDougall's oversight are notable developments in his administration of Trust assets at Paerata.

The decade has also seen substantial additions to, and renovation of, College and hostel facilities, including the building of the Technical Block, Caughey Residential Hall, the Hames Music Centre, and the Chaplain's residence. The Smith Memorial Chapel has been refurbished, the kitchen/laundry complex remodelled, the hall, library and classrooms upgraded, roadways tar-sealed and the swimming pool enlarged.

THE TRUST BOARD

Members of the Board are Mr H M Denton (Chairman), Mrs P J Tauroa, Revs J A Penman, R D Rakena, B K Rowe, and N E Brookes, Messrs E J Beavis, J Beever, B K Caughey, W F Christian, W K S Christiansen, C W Firth, J W Hull, A H McAulay, J H McCoskrie, G K Matheson, J Peters, T G M Spooner and A M Winstone.

H M Denton, Chairman

N L Johnston, General Secretary

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the membership of the Board, as listed in the Report, be recorded.

JOINT INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

1. COMMITTEE

As a result of the decisions of Assembly and Conference 1983, the new Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation was established on 1st July, 1984 and the Joint International Relations Committee went out of existence. This last report of the Joint IRC covers the work of the committee from last Assembly/Conference to 1st July.

The Presbyterian International Relations Committee and the Methodist International Affairs Committee became the Joint IRC from Assembly/Conference 1980. Since that time, the main thrust of the Joint IRC has been to help the two churches in relating the gospel criteria to international issues. The Joint I.R.C. has not taken a high profile in making statements to government or the public.

During the seven months since last Assembly/Conference we have lost one member. Miss Mariana Gardinier moved to Indonesia. The Joint I.R.C. at the end of June was: Mr I. Deverell, Rev. H.C. Dixon, Rev. P.E. Glensor, Dr B.M. Laugeson, Mrs K. Loncar, Rev. J.C.F. Mabon, Miss H. Macfarlane, Rev. D.V. McNicol, Mr R.A. Pannett, Mrs L.E. Shaw, Rev. L.F. Sipeli, Dr L. Taylor, with Rev.Dr. J.A. Veitch and Rev. G.M. McIver as Co-Conveners.

2. N.C.C. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The Rev. Lance Robinson, Rev. Brent Smallbone and Rev. Peter Glensor (N.C.C. Regional Secretary) have continued to meet with the Joint I.R.C. as N.C.C. appointees with the task of relating the work of the committee to the N.C.C. International Affairs Committee. From 1st July the N.C.C. International Affairs Committee will be strengthened with new members and work on its own.

3. PEACE ISSUES

At the end of 1983 steps were taken to set up a Peace Resource Group in Christchurch to work as a sub-committee of the Joint I.R.C. and continue the peacemaking work recently done from Wellington. The reasons for this action were -

- (i) To ensure the continuation of the important peace work during the transition to the new Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation with the hope that the new Council would eventually take the Peace Resource Group under its wing.
- (ii) To introduce new people with fresh ideas from Christchurch into peacemaking.
- (iii) The New Zealand Peace Movement was moving its headquarters from Dunedin to Wellington and it was seen as best not to have too much centralisation of leadership on peace issues.

The Peace Resource Group has identified its priorities to assist parishes to grapple with the violence and injustice of the world in the light of the gospel. There is a deep concern to locate peace-making at the centre of the Church's ministry and mission. It is not seen as an optional extra for those interested in social policy, but arises out of God's reconciling action in Jesus Christ, continued by the action of the Spirit in the world today.

The Joint I.R.C. is pleased that many parishes have taken up the Assembly/Conference and N.C.C. requests to observe the Sunday nearest August 6, Transfiguration Day, as Peace Sunday. Widespread use has been made of the worship and study resources provided by the Peace Resource Group. We have no record of how many, but we believe a significant number of parishes have been involved in discussions leading to the declaration of church properties as Nuclear-Weapons-Free Zones. National church offices have also been declared Nuclear-Weapons-Free Zones in response to the call of Assembly/Conference. In June 1984 there were 89 local authorities in New Zealand which had declared their territories Nuclear-Weapons-Free Zones. 63% of the population of New Zealand live within these zones.

When it was learned that the much publicised film on the nuclear holocaust, "The Day After" would be screened in New Zealand cinemas the Joint I.R.C. made discussion material available and advised all ministers of the importance of providing opportunities for people to discuss the implications of the film after it had been viewed.

Both the Methodist and the Presbyterian churches have been able to provide funding in support of the peace ministry of Rev. Ray Galvin.

4. RESOURCE PEOPLE

In February, the Joint I.R.C. heard Mr Dickson Chapman, a Detached Youth Worker, share his experience of involvement with Wellington youth in the hikoi (peace walk) to Waitangi for February 6. We became aware again that the kind of issues that often concern us overseas have parallels in New Zealand. In May, Miss Susanna Ornei from New Caledonia spoke to us about the movement for Kanak liberation in her country and we were able to talk with her about the role of the churches in that liberation movement.

5. BEYOND ANZUS

About 700 people, mainly from Australia and New Zealand, attended the Beyond Anzus Conference in Wellington, June 15-18 1984. The Conference generated a lot of interest in alternative defence and foreign policies. This interest was maintained through the snap election campaign, with two parties opposed to Anzus and one calling for a review of it. It is clear that more people are questioning the nature of the Anzus Treaty and discussing its advantages and disadvantages. The Methodist Church has declared itself as in favour of a neutral or non-aligned foreign policy for New Zealand. Both churches need to be involved in the discussion and helping to envisage and spell out alternative policies that will be in keeping with the needs of the foreseeable future.

6. CORSO

Throughout this year, Corso has sponsored a full discussion within regional Corso groups and constituent member bodies on the extent to which Corso should be involved in the development issues present within New Zealand. The Methodist Church of N.Z., the Association of Presbyterian Women, the Methodist Women's Fellowship and the Presbyterian International Relations Committee, along with N.C.C. Christian World Service are five of the constituent member

bodies of Corso.

Corso is the only New Zealand based secular aid and development agency. For some years Corso has regarded itself as more than a fund-raising agency. Corso is aware, as the Church is aware, that charity alone will not solve the problems of the poor. Poverty is not an isolated condition, but the result of a process. That process enables the rich and the powerful people to dominate and exploit the weak and the powerless. It is a process which needs to be exposed and opposed both in New Zealand and overseas.

Since the 1970's Corso has been increasingly involved in programmes that draw the links between the problems Corso project partners overseas are working against and similar problems being faced in New Zealand. In line with this Corso has worked with groups in New Zealand.

Aware that this discussion was taking place within Corso the Joint IRC has shared its views with Corso. We recognise the importance of linking issues within New Zealand with issues which are addressed by overseas partners. The Overseas Disaster and Relief Fund of the Assembly has categories for development education in New Zealand and for Human Rights programmes, and uses these to provide such links with its allocation of funds to the Churches Commission on Participation in Development (WCC) and work with partner churches. We drew Corso's attention to the percentage limitations placed on our work in these former categories and the value this has given to our churches involvement in the development field.

7. THE MIDDLE EAST

At the last General Assembly an overture referring to the Palestine Liberation Organisation was referred to this committee. During the course of the year the Committee has continued to monitor the situation in the Middle East, and to study the situation from all angles. The Council for Mission - Unit V in Wellington - has now taken over this brief and will in due course report to Conference and Assembly.

8. ANTARCTICA

The Committee has continued to note developments and in particular the role of the New Zealand Government in conferences called among Treaty Nations to discuss the future use of this territory and the surrounding seas.

9. THANKS

The Joint IRC places on record its appreciation of all who have served on the Presbyterian International Relations Committee, the Methodist International Affairs Committee and the Joint IRC. Over the years the committees have worked diligently on many issues of relevance and importance to Assembly and Conference, and to the wider community. In the future these issues will be dealt with in the appropriate Units of the Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation.

James Veitch
Graeme McIver Co-Conveners

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the report be received.

APPENDIX

PROPOSED RUGBY TOUR OF SOUTH AFRICA - 1985

[Please note: This paper was referred to all Synods for discussion and report back to the Joint I.R.C. Convener. Seven Synods reported back and all seven gave general approval to the direction of the paper.]

PREFACE:

In 1981, a new Christian group has emerged within South Africa - the Alliance of Black Reformed Christians in Southern Africa (ABRECSA). Bringing together Black Reformed Christians from at least nine Reformed Churches, they issued a Charter, spelling out their goal as an organisation, their theological basis, and their hopes for future work. In that Charter they said, "... Overseas Churches should accept that in this situation they must be guided by our judgement, and that their complicity in the South African situation makes them part of the problem rather than part of the solution. We would appeal to them to see their task as providing prayerful and active support for the efforts of those of us who resist apartheid and who seek a true humanity for all our people."

At their 1981 Conference ABRECSA prepared materials for the 1982 Assembly of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC). One of their proposals was that "the WARC and its member Churches understand that the initiative for change in South Africa had now passed into black hands. Although the whites were still in the seat of power, politically and economically, they could no longer initiate any change of direction and expect blacks to acquiesce. Blacks were no longer prepared to be passive participants of white-initiated programmes, even of the best intentioned whites. With regard more specifically to the Churches of the Reformed tradition, the same attitude had become increasingly manifest. The blacks in these Churches were determined to work out their own programmes for unity and the witness of the Church in South Africa. All they sought was the understanding and support of their fellow Christians in the WARC."

We have tried to bear these words in mind in preparing this report to our two Churches. While our focus must be on the proposed rugby tour of South Africa by the NZ Rugby Football Union, our response must be firmly rooted in our Christian convictions. Therefore, we summarise those convictions in the first part of the report.

HERESY:

For years, increasing numbers of Christian Churches have spoken out against the policy of apartheid. In the last few years, those statements have become even more clear in their expression. The 1982 Conference of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa passed the following resolution:

"Conference affirms that apartheid is a negation of:

1. the dignity with which God has endowed humankind in creating us in his own image.

2. the work of Jesus Christ through his coming into the world to live, die and rise for humankind, thus freeing it from bondage for fullness of life;
3. the reconciliation effected by Christ between people and God, and between persons.

Apartheid is not simply a socio-political policy, but a sinful contradiction of the Gospel which cannot be justified on biblical or theological grounds, and is, therefore, an ideology which the Methodist Church rejects as heresy" (Exclusive language edited).

In another setting the Conference and Assembly will be looking at this issue of theological judgements concerning apartheid. We begin with it, simply but importantly, because our views concerning a rugby tour must be based on our Christian judgement concerning the context of that tour.

APARTHEID:

Apartheid is a system of government which, in the name of Jesus Christ, elevates to the highest the principle of differences between ethnic groups, and maintains white supremacy at brutal cost to the majority of South Africa's people. In South Africa, all whites have a vote, while no black person can vote. Seven times as much is spent on each white child's education as on each black child's. The black majority (72.7%) are allocated 13.7% of the land, and so far 3.4 million people have been forcibly moved to other parts of the country. Whites earn more than three times as much as blacks.

Our two Churches, along with almost all Christians everywhere, have declared such a system to be evil. We have committed ourselves to support moves aimed at ending this unChristian policy.

NON-VIOLENCE:

While we still have much to clarify concerning the question of violence, we wish wherever possible to discover non-violent ways of working to end the system of apartheid. Bishop Tutu, other Church leaders, and secular organisations like the United Nations, have all affirmed that non-cooperation is an effective form of non-violent action against the policy of apartheid. Accordingly, there have been numerous calls for boycotts of South Africa - at the diplomatic, economic, cultural and sporting level.

RUGBY CONTACTS:

While rugby and rugby tours are not finally the groundson which apartheid will stand or fall, in reality this is the most significant area of contact between our two countries. Many white South Africans and New Zealanders have made rugby football almost a religion. It is this fact which makes a rugby contest between NZ and South Africa a matter of such importance. We should not forget that it was the 1976 NZ rugby tour of South Africa which led directly to the Gleneagles Agreement, concerning sporting contacts with South Africa, drawn up by Commonwealth Heads of Government, including the NZ Prime Minister.

Sport and politics are not divorced - the 1980 Moscow Olympics and the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics demonstrated that. There are points - and this forthcoming rugby tour is one such - when what happens in sport has direct implications for the whole of our social life. We

believe that both the NZ Rugby Football Union and the NZ government need to bear this in mind as they decide on what they will do. Ideally, the Rugby Union would acknowledge the implications of proceeding with a tour and not accept an invitation. If they do not, then the government, on behalf of the whole nation, needs to act.

WHY NO TOUR?:

Over the years, in our Assembly and Conference, and in many other forums, we have rehearsed the reasons why further sporting contacts with South Africa should end. We need only note them here:

- continued contacts serve only to support the status quo in South Africa;
- our government has entered into a solemn accord, the Gleneagles Agreement, to do all that is practical to ensure an end to sporting contacts with South Africa;
- the oppressed peoples of South Africa have called repeatedly for such boycotts, being willing even to bear the costs of such isolation since it will eventually lead to the end of apartheid;
- continued sporting contacts lead only to increased internal division and tension for us as a nation;
- while sporting contacts continue, NZ is suspect as a responsible member of the community of nations;
- opposition to sporting contacts, as in the 1981 Springbok Tour, is abhorred here at home, while being held up abroad as a shining example of the true NZ attitude to such contacts;
- in other sporting events, such as the Olympics and the Commonwealth Games, we come under threat because of the continuance of sporting contacts with South Africa;
- while there are a few minor, cosmetic changes in the laws regulating apartheid sport, the South African government has reassured its people that apartheid will never end, and they ensure that the basic laws controlling population movements and basic human rights remain untouched;
- those changes that have occurred in South Africa are the result of pressures, such as boycotts, applied against the apartheid regime - any sign of co-operation is hailed in South Africa as a victory for apartheid;
- the South African Churches have urged us in the wider Christian family to work for an end to apartheid, and have especially called for such non-violent actions as boycotts.

PROPOSED ACTION:

We do not advocate that the government refuse passports to NZ citizens to travel overseas. There are, however, a great many ways that the government can demonstrate its conviction concerning ongoing contacts with apartheid. Some are already being done - others need to be explored. The government needs to look at this issue in two ways:

- (1) new initiatives which demonstrate that we as a nation are serious in our desire to build positive links with 'black Africa';
- (2) direct actions which clearly divorce the government from any support of or collusion in a rugby tour.

We list below some of those initiatives in each of the two categories:

1. ANTI-APARTHEID POLICIES THE GOVERNMENT AND CHURCHES SHOULD TAKE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

- a) extend our diplomatic links throughout the rest of Africa, beginning with at least one resident post;
- b) increase our volume of aid to Africa, through such multi-lateral channels as the United Nations and the Churches;
- c) maintain a more consistent voting pattern in the United Nations on matters concerning South Africa. (In 1983, in 11 votes on resolutions about South Africa, NZ supported 4, abstained on 2 and voted against 5);
- d) promote a vigorous educational programme in NZ about apartheid, especially by inviting prominent black South Africans from the Churches, trade unions, sporting bodies etc. as the Australian government is doing;
- e) support and encourage those sporting codes which refuse to co-operate in apartheid sport;

2. ACTIONS TO TRY AND STOP A RUGBY TOUR:

- a) a direct and personally delivered request from the government that the NZRFU not proceed with a tour;
- b) a direct and personally delivered appeal from the parliament to the NZRFU;
- c) a refusal of paid leave to public servants participating in the tour;
- d) discontinuing any form of governmental financial support of the NZRFU through direct grants or subsidies;
- e) Quantas already has a policy of not carrying national teams to or from South Africa. The NZ government should instruct Air New Zealand not to carry a team, or to promote supporters' tours;
- f) discussing with the Broadcasting Corporation the direct or delayed broadcasts or telecasts of games in South Africa (NB for us, this is quite distinct from news or current affairs broadcasting).

CONCLUSIONS:

1. As Christian Churches, we must oppose the system of apartheid;
2. We want to support all non-violent means of opposition to apartheid;
3. For us, rugby is a vital symbol of our contact with white South Africa;
4. We reiterate our previous opposition to sporting contacts with South Africa, noting that the situation in that country is, if anything, worsening for the black majority;
5. We advocate a multi-faceted approach, to both the rugby tour in particular and relationships with Africa generally.

James Veitch
Graeme McIver Co-Conveners

SUGGESTED DELIVERANCE/RESOLUTIONS:

1. That this Assembly/Conference:
 - (a) Calls on the New Zealand Government to use all practical means to persuade the NZRFU not to proceed with a tour to South Africa in 1985.
 - (b) Calls on the New Zealand Rugby Football Union not to accept an invitation to send a rugby team to South Africa in 1985.
2. That Assembly/Conference ask:

- (a) the Moderator and President to lead a delegation to the New Zealand Government and the NZRFU, to replace this report and our concern before them
 - (b) the Moderator and President invite heads of other NZ Churches, Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga I Nga Hahi and the National Council of Churches to join them in such a delegation.
3. That Assembly/Conference send this report to Christian Churches in South Africa, and to the South African Council of Churches, along with an assurance of our prayerful support for them in their witness to the unity and new life offered through Jesus Christ.
 4. That the Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation be asked to provide further background material for those parishes, Presbyteries or Synods who wish to discuss this report in more detail.

RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT 1984

It is right that at the beginning of this report we should acknowledge the vision and commitment of many people to the kind of thing Rangiatea Hostel seeks to provide today - educational opportunity for Maori young people.

While present work traces its origins back to the leadership of the Rev. Tahupotiki Haddon in the 1930's, the vision he re-awakened belonged to the people of Taranaki and to the Church way back into the early days of Taranaki's settlement. We inherited significant commitment that has found various forms over the years.

HOSTEL LIFE 1984

This year is proving to be one of our most satisfactory years since we became a hostel for Trade Trainees. The main reasons are:-

- the good "parenting" and leadership by our new Master & Matron Mr John & Missy Waru.
- the way the 50 boys have chosen to work together and be a "family".
- the bad/good start to the year. While we opened late this year it seems the two weeks the trainees spent on local Maraes in February proved beneficial.
- the more settled relationship with Maori Affairs following some changes made to our ways of working with them.

"CONTRACT WITH MAORI AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT"

After quite a struggle that ran over into January we finally completed a two year "contract" with the Maori Affairs Dept. and resumed operations.

We did not achieve in that "contract" all that we would like to have achieved, and some beyond the Board do not think we did wisely in signing the agreement. However it has consolidated the processes painfully worked out in previous difficulties, and is a basis for any future negotiations if after two years we come to renew the relationship. Two other benefits accrued:-

1. We have been able to move our budget year from 1st July to June year that crossed our operational year, to a January-December year that fits our operation year and allows us greater choice about the following year's operations.
2. We have remained a funded and functional unit while we look to the future as Conference last year asked us to. It would cost \$13,000 - \$14,000 per annum even if we were not being used for rates, insurance etc.

Our learning from this process has been the variety of ways different hostels operate for Maori Affairs Trade Trainees. It seems to us high time that we had consultation together to learn from each other and to gain some sense of solidarity in the work.

A MAORI AFFAIRS REVIEW OF HOSTELS

We were visited in August, as were other Trade Training Hostels, by a Maori Affairs sponsored commission of review, made up by the independent body "Community Services Incorporated." They spent an evening and a day with us, asked many thorough questions, and gave us some helpful advice. However at the time of writing we have not heard what their findings are, or of the significance this review has for us or other Trade Training Hostels.

RENEWAL OF LAND LEASE

The renewal of the 21 year, in perpetuity leasehold on a large area of land separated from the Hostel, comes up in January 1985 and they have been seeking a similar lease on another area closer to the Hostel that is not used by the Hostel.

The Board has been unwilling to lease the further area, though we could sell it and reduce the leasehold term on the already leased part - but this was disallowed by the Church Building and Loan Committee.

The Board will most likely be renewing the lease to the Education Department on a new valuation but the same basis.

THE FUTURE

This has been an on-going conversation on the Board, because of difficulties we have had in our relationship with Maori Affairs. We have tended to see the present work as the best expression we could find of our "constitution" at this time.

Last Conference however invited us to look to the sale of Rangiatea property at a time that depended on whether or not we signed a contract with Maori Affairs. This being done we are considering the matter for early 1986.

At this stage we have only begun that process and have various considerations about the matter. It could be a further report will be brought to Conference.

We are also aware that the kind of process the Conference is pushing us into begs some questions that the Church really needs to face, before it thrusts this kind of responsibility on one of its Trust Boards.

- (a) What is the mind of the Church on providing hostels for Trade Trainees? Is it the best use of personnel, property and financial resources, and if not what kind of way should we apply these resources?
- (b) If it is a satisfactory use of resources for the Church to run Trade Training Hostels, what are the purposes or reasons for selling Rangiatea?
- (c) If it seems Rangiatea is not a good Stewardship of resources to what ends would the Church apply this Connexional resource, and still respect the fairly localised nature of the heritage it comes from?

We raise these issues acknowledging that:-

- in whatever form of resource Rangiatea is, it is set aside for providing educational opportunity for Maori young people.
- Trade Training for Maori young people who already have School Certificate or University Entrance, may not be providing for those who most need educational help and opportunity.
- in these days of awareness of the need of unemployed people of all races, our present kind of operation may have racist overtones. Does by-culturalism relate to this kind of resource. There seem to be a number of issues in here that maybe our Board can seek to give a lead on if we have the right personnel, but that really belongs to the wider Church before they become our business.

THANKS

Finally I wish to express appreciation for the work of Mr & Mrs Waru as our Hostel Master & Matron and for their staff. It has been a pleasure seeing them take over the Rangiatea family. I would also record appreciation to our Administrator, Mrs Jocelyn Wood, for her constant vigilance and attention to our best interests and to the Board for their strength of work as Board Members.

R.Rigby, CHAIRMAN

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That this report be received.
2. That the Administration Division, on behalf of the wider Church, be asked to call a Consultation of those involved in administering Trade Training Hostels for the purpose of sharing how we operate and giving to each other the mutual support we at present lack.
3. That the Conference determine whether Trade Training Hostels are a good stewardship of it's resources or whether we would better invest these resources in other areas of need.
4. That if it is the mind of Conference that Rangiatea Board continue to look to the sale of the Rangiatea property in 1986, that it indicate the purposes for selling it, and whether they see the use of this resource as having some Taranaki heritage that should be protected.
5. That the Board for 1985 be:
Rev's R. Rigby, M. Couch, L. Gibson, L. Willing,
Mr L.J. Fordyce, Mr B. Phillips, Ms T. Wetere, Mrs R. Fenton,
Mr D. TeAwhe, Miss J. Bishop, Mr E. Tamati, Mrs V. Tamati,
Mrs M. Rogers, Mrs H. Couch, Ms R. King, Mr R. Nathan.

MISSION OVERSEAS

Joint Board for Mission Overseas

The Joint Board held its last meeting on 6 June and it ceased to function on 30 June with the handing over to the Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation. In view of the fact that the new Secretaries were unable to take up their positions on 1 July, the Rev. David Evans was invited to accept the position of Stated Supply for the new Council to facilitate arrangements for the changeover. All the functions and property of the Joint Board have now been transferred to the Council.

This Report, therefore, has been prepared after the Joint Board went out of office.

A good deal of time during the year, of necessity, had to be devoted to arrangements for the changeover. It was vital that the continued care of overseas staff and existing arrangements with partner churches should not be adversely affected. Every endeavour was made to dispel any anxieties experienced by those affected. The Joint Board also sought to discharge its responsibilities to the Secretaries and Auckland staff faced with real uncertainties.

The Joint Board early in the year congratulated both its Conveners on their appointment to high office in their respective Churches. Mrs. Margaret Gordon is to be National President of the Methodist Women's Fellowship, and the Rev. Alister Rae is Moderator-elect of the Presbyterian General Assembly.

Arrangements were made soon after the election of the Rt. Rev. Tame Takao as Moderator, in association with the Moderator's Arrangements Committee, for him to visit North East Asia. In September he is to visit Hong Kong, Taiwan and South Korea. In Korea he is to attend the Centennial Celebrations of the Presbyterian Church of Korea.

Extensive overseas visits were made by the Secretaries this year. Geoff. Tucker and Margery Derryhouse, a Board member, visited the United Church in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. David Evans attended the Council for World Mission bi-annual meetings in Singapore in July, and the Executive meeting in Zambia in December. He also visited Malaysia, Indonesia, India, Hong Kong and Samoa.

Cost of Living Consideration has been given during the year to the claim that in some countries, the cost of living has been rising and the New Zealand dollar has been steadily decreasing in value. Tax rates have also increased considerably in some countries. The 20% devaluation has added to these problems and the new Council will have to give urgent attention to these matters.

Archives All Presbyterian Mission Overseas records prior to 1977 have now been sent to Knox College Library, Dunedin for safe-keeping.

Ministry among Maoris in Australia The Joint Board has acted as liaison between the Maori Synod and the Commission for World Mission

of the Uniting Church in Australia in exploring the needs for ministry among Maori people in Australia. It has been suggested that this matter be approached ecumenically and that a Maori person be sent to Australia for three months to carry out a survey of needs.

Scholarships A Niuean and a Cook Island student have successfully completed their degree courses at the Pacific Theological College and are now serving their respective Churches. A second Cook Island student has now taken up a scholarship at the Pacific Theological College in Fiji.

The Rev. Chang Ock Youn from the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea is doing a Master's Degree at Otago University, and a student from Indonesia is expected as soon as a visa is obtained.

The Rev. Halefoti Autagavaia from the Methodist Church in Samoa is studying for an Arts Degree at Auckland University, and Mr. Fuifui Te'evale, from the Congregational Christian Church in Samoa, is studying for a degree in Commerce at Otago University. Both were teachers in Church schools.

Appointments Four appointments by overseas Churches have been made this year.

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| Dr. Raeburn Lange | - | Lecturer in Church History at the Pacific Theological College, Suva. |
| Rev. William Francis | - | Acting Principal at the Bible College, Tangoa, Vanuatu. |
| Mr. Geoffrey Bayne | - | Boatbuilder with Span Enterprises of the United Church in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. |
| Rev. Stuart Vogel | - | who will be leaving in December, if visa application is granted, to work with the Hakka people in the Presbyterian Church of Taiwan. |

Three other appointments were made, but the applicants unfortunately had to withdraw before taking up their positions.

Overseas Volunteers A number of volunteers have served overseas during the past year.

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| Mr. Dennis Peat | - | Tonga - helped with reconstruction following cyclone. |
| Mr. Alan and Mrs. Muriel Lipscombe | - | Vanuatu - serving with K.I.T.O.W. on the island of Tanna. |
| Miss Diana Whyte | - | India - taught at Jubilee School, Kharar. |
| Mr. Mark Johnston | - | India - teaching at Jubilee School, Kharar. |

Publicity and Education During the year significant changes took place in the format of 'Mission Together'. Three new Area Brochures were produced, and two 'Mission Probes' under the titles "Pacific Issues" and "The Church is the Prism". Slide and cassette sets were prepared under the following titles:

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| 'Poorest of the Poor' | - | Story of Rehabilim. |
| 'To Set People Free' | - | Development issues in the Pacific. |
| Photo sets of India and Thailand have been prepared. | | |

Extension of Service The Diocese of Chandigarh in the Church of North India requested that the Rev. Catherine Hollister Jones be granted an extension of service for two years beyond the date of retirement. In accordance with the authority granted to the Joint Board, as stated in the Book of Order regulations, the Board agreed to this request.

Overseas Visitors Three overseas visitors have been welcomed during the last year and itineraries were arranged for them in the limited time available. The visitors were the Rt. Rev. Maqbul Caleb, Bishop of the Diocese of Delhi, North India; the Rev. H.K. Weng of the Presbyterian Church of Taiwan; and Mr. Barrie Scopes, General Secretary of the Council for World Mission, London.

Youth Mr. Chris Mansfield from Oakura, Taranaki, has been accepted as a participant in the Council for World Mission's Training in Mission Programme. He leaves for the United Kingdom in September 1984 where he will spend five months based at Selly Oak College in Birmingham, and then go to Jamaica where the course continues based at the United Theological College in Kingston. There will be sixteen young people from C.W.M. member churches taking part in the course.

Staff Families Three staff members have had additions to their families during the year: Sons to the Dunnings at Woodstock, India, and the Easons at Munda in the Solomon Islands, and a daughter to the Mackenzies at Salamo, Papua New Guinea.

Furlough Five staff members have been on furlough during the year and all undertook some deputation work. Those who had furlough were Lucy Money, David and Luisa Mackenzie, Bruce and Robyn Dunning, Len and Hilda Schroeder and Doreen Riddell.

Completion of Service Three staff members completed their terms of service and returned to New Zealand during the year:

Bill and Lesieli MacIntyre from Tonga are now settled in Palmerston North.

Fraser and Betty Mitchell from Vanuatu are living in Dunedin. They leave early in 1985 for a short period of volunteer service in Papua New Guinea.

Nelson and Judith Dodge from India are now settled in Christchurch.

Overseas Workers The following were accepted as Overseas Workers:

Linda Gollan, Holland; Anne Hewitson, Addis Ababa; Elizabeth Peach, Austria; Faye Withers, Spain; Dr. Bruce and Mrs. Kathleen Nicholls, India.

M. GORDON, A.F. RAE Conveners

D.C. EVANS, W.G. TUCKER Secretaries

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report be received.

COUNCIL FOR MISSION AND ECUMENICAL CO-OPERATION

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

The Appointments Committee set up by the Methodist Conference and the Presbyterian General Assembly first met in December. Applications were called for the three Secretarial positions through advertisements in New Zealand, Australia, the Pacific and through the CCA News. A representative interviewing sub-committee was set up.

At the same time the committee called for nominations to the Co-ordinating Committee and the Regional Units through Synods, Presbyteries, national women's organisations and other appropriate bodies.

Over forty enquiries were received in response to the advertisements, and twenty-six firm applications. The interviewing sub-committee had a very difficult task preparing a short list from outstanding applicants, and interviews were held in Christchurch and Wellington. The Appointments committee met twice to consider their recommendations and make the final selection. Two appointments were announced almost immediately, and the third after negotiation with the employing body. Appointments were made to the Co-ordinating Committee and the Regional Units.

The Committee also made arrangements for offices and housing, preparation of a budget, and supply until the new appointments could be taken up. Care of present staff was a major concern.

Joan M. Anderson,
Convener.

COUNCIL FOR MISSION AND ECUMENICAL CO-OPERATION

REPORT TO CONFERENCE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The task of setting up a new structure and utilising mainly new people, has been surprisingly smooth, the work being taken seriously and time being offered generously. There have been continuing maintenance tasks, as well as the need for creative thinking, to which to attend.

Immediate goals included the development of relationships among Unit members, discussion about areas of responsibility, local and national structures within the Council for Mission, and decisions concerning overseas staff.

Three principles which will help to guide the work of the new Council are:

1. An effective team ministry established by the three Joint Secretaries, based on mutuality of ministry, common goals, and clear communication. Some overlap areas are still in the process of being clarified, and methods of keeping each other fully informed throughout each year are being sharpened. A common theological understanding of the contemporary nature of Christian mission has already been

established among the members of the team, as well as among members of the Units.

2. A clear commitment to the work of Partnership: a partnership between the Methodist and Presbyterian structures and people at national and parish levels, between our New Zealand churches and sister churches in New Zealand and overseas, between individual and social needs, evangelism and justice, liberal and conservative, new and old structures. Such a partnership needs to be reflected 'at home' in the workings of the Council for Mission as a visible sign of the unity in Christ which all Churches and Christians are called to share.
3. Confidence by the Church in the new Council, in which the whole work of the Joint Board for Mission Overseas, the Ecumenical Committees and the Joint International Relations Committee is seen to continue and grow.

UNITS

UNIT 1 - AUCKLAND:

Convener: Rev. G.G. Carter, Unit Secretary Rev. A.J. Leadley

The Unit has been assigned the following areas, and is to relate directly to the national Churches and overseas staff in these countries:

SAMOA, TONGA, COOK ISLANDS, NUIE, KIRIBATI, TUVALU, FIJI and the MICRONESIAN and FRENCH POLYNESIAN ISLANDS.

It is also responsible for relations with the Methodist Womens' Fellowship, Overseas Volunteer Service, Te Rununga Whakawhanaunga I Nga Haahi O Aotearoa, and such issues as aid and development, justice and human rights, ecumenical relationships, evangelism and mission, immigration, nuclear free-zoning and peace.

Among the members of the Auckland Unit there are some who have served on the Joint Board for Mission Overseas. We are privileged to have their knowledge and expertise. Rev. G.G. Carter has been elected by the Unit to serve as Convener for the next 12 months, and the Unit is delighted to have his able and informed leadership in the early stages of its work. The Unit members are as follows: Revs G.G. Carter (Convener), Dr A. Davidson, Murray McMeikan, Gavin Sharp and Liu Tepou; Messrs J. Bennett, Ian Faulkner, Moli 'Ilohia, Bruce McLean, Barry Pilkington; Mesdames Ao Biddle, Bev Matamua, Jenny Orange, Marjorie Ramage, Laurel Tuwai and Marion Whaley. Mr Ian Faulkner and Mrs Jenny Orange have been appointed as members of the Co-ordinating Committee. The first three months of the Unit's work have included:

(a) decisions about an appropriate structure, with committees covering the work of Personnel (interviewing, meeting and farewelling, pastoral care, debriefing, and other matters relating to overseas staff and volunteers), Policy (such as immigration, evangelism, human rights, trade imbalance, priorities in budgeting), and Communication (partner church relations, education for mission, ecumenical relations such as with the Pacific Council of Churches, Pacific Theological College, Te Rununga, M.W.F.).

An executive Committee is to be responsible for general oversight of the Unit's work, and to initiate action and make emergency decisions.

(b) Maintaining contact with the Bennett and McKenzie families in Tonga, the Jesseps and Miss Urquhart in Samoa, and Rev. Halefoti Autagavaia, a Samoan student who is at Auckland University under a Council for Mission Scholarship. Mr Fuifui Te'evale of Samoa continues as a student at Otago University, under a Council for Mission scholarship. Rev. Afele Paea completes a three year term as Director of Christian Education in Niue in November this year. The Auckland Unit is delighted to learn that Rev. Graham and Mrs Marion Whaley have accepted the honour and the challenge of return to the Church of Christ in Zimbabwe. Marion was appointed a member of the Auckland Unit. Dr and Mrs R.T. Lange and family continue at the Pacific Theological College in 1985 for a second year.

UNIT 2 - HAMILTON

Convener : Mr David Moir, Unit Secretary Rev. A.J. Leadley.

This Unit has been assigned: HONG KONG, TAIWAN, CHINA, KOREA, JAPAN and the relationship with churches and Council staff in these countries. It is also interested particularly in issues of evangelism, church growth, justice and freedom, and the Churches' relationships with the state, economic and social development, and peace and disarmament.

Rev. Don Glenney assisted in calling the first Unit meeting, and out of this session a regular meeting venue and times were decided, as well as working structure, and issues and countries were chosen by members for research.

Members of the Hamilton Unit are as follows: Rev's Morehu Te Whare, Sifa Hingano, Warren Foster, Messrs Peter Grant, David Moir (Convener) Lex Riddell, Mesdames Alison Kehely, Betty Gray, Raumiri Post, Tui McLeay, Margaret Rushbrook, Joan Wallace, Beverley Cullingford and Kohine Mackie. Rev. M. Te Whare and Mrs Margaret Rushbrook are the members of the Co-ordinating Committee.

Initial work for the Unit has included making contact with the England family in Hong Kong, Alison and Stuart Vogel as they prepare to leave for Taiwan, Alan and Shirley Goss who are expecting to join the Englands in a volunteer capacity in 1985, and Rev. Chang Ock Youn from Korea studying at Knox College.

The Moderator, Right Rev. Tame Takao, visited Korea for the occasion of commemorative services marking the 100th anniversary of the Korean Church in Seoul 5-22 September. We record with sadness the untimely death of Rev. Dr Suh Nam Dong on July 19, 1984. Dr Suh was Director of the Institute for Mission Education of the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea, and was active in the struggle for human rights and democracy. The Church rejoices on the release from prison of Rev. Dr C.M. Kao, General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan.

The promotion of the "mission vision" as set out in the objects for the Council have led the Unit Members, and the Joint Secretary for Units 1 and 2

- to study New Zealand's responsibility in the world.
- to strengthen ties with Churches overseas and in New Zealand.
- to interpret, from a Christian perspective, events in N.E. Asia and Polynesia, and to take appropriate action.

- to travel within New Zealand, and join in discussion and prayer with people at parish and district level.
Rev. Alan Leadley has already visited parishes from Turangi to Bay of Islands.

Together we look forward to the future with confidence.

UNIT 3 - OTAGO-SOUTHLAND

Convener: Rev. R.B. Rofo, Unit Secretary Rev S.H. Rae.

Unit 3 has responsibility for New Zealand Methodist and Presbyterian relationships with Melanesia - in particular:

VANUATU, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, SOLOMON ISLANDS, NEW CALEDONIA

and with the Melanesian Council of Churches. Issues which the Unit will concern itself are French colonialism, human rights and the situation on the Irian Jaya-Papua New Guineas border. Unit membership is drawn from a wide geographical area, Dunedin, Gore, Invercargill, Roxburgh and rural Otago and Southland. Travel time and costs are being considered as the Unit determines its most suitable venue for meeting. Membership: Rev's Norma Graves, Timothy Langley, Peter West, Mana Tavelia and Russell Rofo, Mesdames Jill Whimp, Betty Scarlet, Mae Cairns, Joan Lawry and Marion Kitchingman, Dr Henry McKinlay, Mr Fraser Mitchell, Dr Norris Jefferson, Messrs Stephen McLeary, Kelly Hune. Besides the experience and expertise contained within the membership the Unit is attempting to identify other resource persons in the Otago-Southland area to ensure that the best possible advice is available to the Unit in all areas of its work.

A number of applications for overseas service have been received and are being processed. It seems likely that new appointments will be made to take effect early in 1985.

The Unit Secretary has visited Churches in Otago and Southland and is attempting to establish a close communication network in the South Island region for which he is responsible. The Rev. Russell Rofo of Calvin Church, Gore, a minister with overseas experience in Vanuatu and Papua New Guinea, has been appointed Unit Convener and, with the Secretary based in Christchurch, will be an important focus for Council for Mission in the Southland region.

UNIT 4 - CHRISTCHURCH

Acting Convener: Rev. Dr Phyllis M. Guthardt, Unit Secretary Rev. Simon Rae.

Besides its extensive responsibilities for mission partnership in South East Asia, Unit 4 has a strong ecumenical focus, being responsible for New Zealand Methodist and Presbyterian relationships with the National Council of Churches (N.Z.) and the Christian Conference of Asia. A number of regions of long-standing significance to New Zealand churches are included among the Unit's responsibilities:

INDIA, BURMA, SINGAPORE, THAILAND, MALAYSIA, INDONESIA, and contacts are being established with the PHILIPPINES.

Issues referred to the Unit by the combining committees include social justice, human rights, and militarism, and an active Peace Work Group in Christchurch (contact: Mrs Lyn Blunt, 6 Shirdale Place, Christchurch 4. -ph (03) 584-363) is a Sub-Committee of the Unit.

The Secretary is planning to visit Indonesia in October, for the 10th Assembly of the Indonesian Council of Churches, at which most Indonesian Churches and many of their ecumenical partners will be represented. While in the region he plans to visit staff in Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore and the agencies or institutions with which they serve.

Final arrangements are being made for the arrival of Rev. Jadianan Peranginangin of the Karo Batak Protestant Church to study in Dunedin.

During recent months the churches have been concerned about the situation in the Punjab, India, an area of long-standing Presbyterian involvement. Staff there indicate that they are safe and well, and that the Church of North India and Christian institutions are active in seeking reconciliation and harmony in the region. Members of Unit 4 are: Miss Atagai Esera, Mrs Judith Dodge, Mrs Marcia Baker, Ms Brenda Scarr, Dr Garth Cant, Mr Jim Hudson, Mesdames Pam Templeton, Lyn Blunt, Jan Cormack, Judy Allison, Dr David Troughton, Dr George Chisholm, Mr Geoff Hill (President of Methodist Conference), Rev. Dr Phyllis Guthardt, Rev. John Roberts and Rev. Alan Woodley (Methodist General Secretary - Associate).

UNIT 5 - WELLINGTON

Convener: , Acting Unit Secretary Rev. Dr J.A Veitch.

Unit 5's responsibilities include Africa, America, Europe and the Middle East, together with World Council of Churches and Council for World Mission liaison. The Rev. Len and Mrs Hilda Schroeder have returned to Botswana, in Southern Africa, after a New Zealand furlough and continue to represent a significant new involvement of our churches. The Unit has entered into a joint agreement with the Churches of Christ for the appointment of the Rev. Graham and Mrs Marion Whaley to Zimbabwe (Bulawao Synod, Methodist Church Conference, Zimbabwe), following up initiatives taken by the former Joint International Relations Committee at the time of Zimbabwe's independence.

Members: Rev's Peter Glensor, Brian Eagle, Mesdames May Thomas, Kathleen Loncar, Huia Timu, Rachel Hornblow, Nancy Jansen, Ms Heather Macfarlane, Messrs Richard Lander, Venu Letoa, Owen Labrum, Ralph Pannett. Mr Niuselu.

CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

The Co-ordinating Committee met for the first time on 14-15 September 1984 and began establishing the Council on a national level. Members:

(i) Regional Representatives:

Mrs Jennifer Orange and Mr Ian Faulkner (Co-convener) from Auckland Unit, Rev. Peter Glensor and Mr Richard Lander from Wellington Unit. Mrs Joan Lawry and Mrs Betty Scarlet from Dunedin Unit, Mrs Lyn Blunt (Co-convener) and Mr Geoff Hill from Christchurch Unit, Mrs Margaret Rushbrook and Rev. Morehu Te Whare from Hamilton Unit.

- (ii) Appointed by Methodist Church of N.Z.:
Rev's Ian McKenzie and Rua Rakena.
- (iii) Appointed by Presbyterian Church of N.Z.:
Dr Yola Swindells, Rev's Eric Chapman and Russell Rofe.

Units have already taken up their tasks and their separate responsibilities, and are establishing their regional identities. Mr Rae took up his appointment in Christchurch 1st August 1984; Mr Leadley in Hamilton a fortnight later. The effectiveness of the transfer of responsibilities to the Council Units is due in very large measure to the care with which the retiring secretaries and conveners prepared files and other material, to the continuing administrative support of the General Treasurer Presbyterian Church of New Zealand and members of his department, who are providing an accounting service for the Council, and to the continuation of the Rev. David Evans as acting secretary of the Council until mid-August and the continuation of the Office Secretary, Miss Naomi Howell, in Auckland until the end of the year. The churches owe a great deal to these loyal staff members who have all given service well beyond which might reasonably have been expected in an effort to see the Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation effectively established.

Two legal entities associated with Methodist Overseas Missions were reported to the Council for Mission by the General Secretary, Methodist Church of New Zealand, with recommendation that they be terminated. Both have played a useful role in the past but have now been inactive for some years. Neither has registered assets (other than share capital in one case), nor are there charges registered against either body. Both bodies have fulfilled their original purpose and the Council for Mission can see no point in their continuing a purely notional existence. The two bodies are:

The Methodist Overseas Mission Investment Board (registered under the Charitable Trusts Act, 28 March 1927) and
The Methodist Overseas Missions (New Zealand) Trust Association (a company registered 4 April 1924).

A recommendation requesting Conference to initiate the appropriate action will be presented to Conference.

Lyn Blunt)
Ian Faulkner) Co-conveners

RECOMMENDATIONS/DELIVERANCES:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That in order to finalise the legal entities of Trusts associated with the Methodist Overseas Missions the Council for Mission, as successor to the Methodist Overseas Mission Department, requests the Conference to take all steps necessary to ensure that the following bodies are removed from their respective Registers,
 - (i) The Methodist Overseas Mission Investment Board
 - (ii) The Methodist Overseas Missions (N.Z.) Trust Association.
3. That in order to support the work of peacemaking in the church Conference/Assembly authorise a special offering on Peace Sunday to encourage local congregations to contribute to this cause in the future.

DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
ANNUAL REPORT 1984

INTRODUCTION

In this twelfth report to Conference, the Division wishes to give an account of its enabling Ministry under the following headings:

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| * <i>Towards a bi-cultural Church</i> | * <i>Pacific Islanders Ministries</i> |
| * <i>Pastor-at-Large</i> | * <i>Sector Ministry Fund</i> |
| * <i>Development Fund</i> | * <i>Evangelism</i> |
| * <i>Grant-in-Aid Procedures</i> | |

* TOWARDS A BI-CULTURAL CHURCH

**"Ko to hamama popoia te tangata,
e kore e mau te ika."**

The Resolution of the 1983 Conference -

"... to work towards the formation of a bi-cultural Church as
an essential first step towards multi-culturalism,"

has had far reaching implications for the Development Division, namely:

- + The incorporation of the bi-cultural intentions into its frame of reference.
- + The writing of this commitment into the job-description and qualities sought in a new Superintendent.
- + The provision of resources and leadership that will primarily raise Pakeha awareness of the nature and implications of being part of a bi-cultural Church.

Early in the year the Division appointed four people to work with the Executive of the Maori Division as part of a Joint Working Committee on Bi-Culturalism.

The Division wanted to consciously avoid promoting the bi-cultural Church mono-culturally!

Three of the appointees are Board Members - Raewyn Luxton, Laurel Tuwai and Barry Jones. The fourth is Ian Faulkner, a member of the Mangere multi-cultural congregation.

The Joint Working Committee is making a separate report to Conference.

The Maori proverb quoted above is a reminder of the need to persist with the difficult task of bringing about a bi-cultural Church.

"If a man yawns while fishing, he will be unsuccessful."

* **PACIFIC ISLANDERS MINISTRIES**

+ **FIJIAN**

*"Kemuni, na Kalou, vinaka vakalevu na vua ni yalomuni,
sa rawa vua me vakaugeti ka tokoni keimami ena loma
ni yabaki taucoko."*

On the suggestion of the Wellington Central Parish, and with the support of the Auckland Fijian Fellowship, the Board invited the President of the Fijian Methodist Conference, Rev Paula Niukula, to make a pastoral visit to the Wellington and Auckland Fijian Fellowships.

From the 23 June until the 3 July, the President visited New Zealand, dividing his time between the two Fellowships.

In both Wellington and Auckland he met and worshipped with the Fijian Fellowship and had discussions with Parish, District and Connexional Leaders.

At the end of the pastoral visit he and the Superintendent of the Division, Rev Barry Jones, drew up a Joint Statement for presentation to both the Fiji and New Zealand Conferences.

This Statement appears in the Conference reports immediately following the Auckland and Wellington Fijian Fellowship reports.

+ **SAMOAN**

*"Ia tatou faafetai i le Atua ona o lana meaalofa o le
agaga o le na faamalositia ma lagolagoina i tatou i le
tausaga."*

When the 1983 Conference resolved to seek two Ordained Ministers from the Samoan Conference to serve in the Wellington Central parish and the new Auckland Samoan Parish, it was left to the Division to implement the resolution.

In consultation with both Parishes, the Division prepared the basic terms of appointment and job description for each position. These were shared with the Samoan Conference.

Before the end of 1983, the Samoan Conference had responded positively and indicated that it wished to make available the Rev Ioane Afoa for the Auckland position and the Rev Seilala Mapusua for the Wellington appointment.

The Division informed both Parishes who the Samoan Conference was recommending. Both Parishes confidently endorsed the Minister proposed for them.

Each Minister and his family were available to take up their appointments by the 1 February. Sadly, procedural difficulties relating to immigration delayed their arrival until Easter weekend.

Both Ministers and their families have settled in well to their appointments, and are providing the Ministerial leadership sought by their respective Parishes.

+ TONGAN

*"Oku tau famamālō ki he 'Otua, ko e tuku mai hono
Laumālie ke tātaki mo tokoni'i kitautolu 'i he
ta'u ko eni."*

At the request of the Division, the Tongan Advisory Committee discussed the ongoing appointment of the Rev Sifa Hingano as the part-time Waikato-Bay of Plenty Regional Tongan Minister.

The Advisory Committee strongly supported the continuation of the appointment beyond the 1984 Connexional Year.

Funding for the Tongan Regional Ministry is provided mainly from the Sector Ministry Fund, with the Hamilton Tongan Fellowship making contributions relative to its strength and the ability of its members to contribute.

* **PASTOR-AT-LARGE** (see 1983 Minutes p.225)

In April of this year, Rev Maurice Chapman was inducted as Pastor-at Large for the West Coast Union Parishes and the North Canterbury Presbyterian Parishes.

Rev Tony Bell (Kaiapoi Co-operating Parish), is the Division's representative on the P.A.L. Advisory Board.

Reports from the Advisory Board and parishes indicate that the Pastor-at-Large Project is becoming a valuable Ministerial resource for the isolated Ministers/Parishes north of Christchurch and the West Coast.

* **SECTOR MINISTRY FUND**

a) REVIEW OF THE FUND

The Division has been involved with the Administration Division in reviewing the purpose and procedures regulating the Fund.

The report on the Fund by the Administration Division (to Synods and Conference), incorporates the results of this joint review.

b) GRANTS

Since its last report to Conference, the Division has authorised the following Grants:

NORTHLAND

- + Northland Urban Rural Mission - establishment costs in forming the Unit and appointing a Director:

	\$
1982/83	2,000
1983/84	500
	<u>\$2,000</u> (Final)

MANUKAU

- + Contributing 75% of the stipend costs of the Rev Lemalu -
Manukau North Parish:

1983/84	\$11,148 (Final)
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WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY

- + Waikato-Bay of Plenty Regional Tongan Ministry:

1983 Connexional Year	\$12,276
1984 Connexional Year	\$ 9,372
1985 Connexional Year (5 months)	\$ 3,905 (Final)

TARANAKI-WANGANUI

- + Regional Resource Person

1 July 1982 - 31 January 1985 (19 montsh)	\$ 8.000 (Final)
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- + Inter-Church Trade & Industry Mission (ITIM) Wellington

Developing Chaplaincy Services within the Motonui/
Waitara Valley Growth Industries:

	\$
1983/84	1,000
1984/85	1,000
1985/86	<u>1,000</u>
	\$ <u>3,000</u> (Final)

WELLINGTON

- + Upper Hutt Co-operating Parish - Chaplaincy to the
Central Institute of Technology:

1983/84	\$ 1,200 (Final)
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* DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Division has approved the following Grants towards Parish Capital Projects:

	\$
+ Tamatea Co-operating Parish	4,000
+ Parklands Co-operating Parish	1,875
+ Tokoroa Parish	3,000
+ Kaeo-Kerikeri union Parish	4,000
+ Whangarei Uniting Parish (Raumanga)	<u>4,000</u>
	\$16,875

* PORIRUA CITY SOCIAL JUSTICE UNIT

After protracted negotiations and decision-making, the Management Committee was formed and first met late in June 1984. A Constitution has been drawn up, and person and job specifications agreed upon. At present the unit is in consultation with the appropriate Church Courts concerning the key issues of the registration of the Unit under the Incorporated Societies Act and whether the

position of Executive officer is open to application of both ordained and lay persons.

When agreement has been reached, advertisements for the position will be publicised and a report on progress to date will be presented to the first Annual Meeting in November 1984, and to Church Courts.

* EVANGELISM

1) NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES' FORUMS ON EVANGELISM

At its General Meeting in 1982 the National Council of Churches passed the following motion:

"That this General Meeting resolves to establish a Commission on Mission and Evangelism and refers this to its Executive as a matter of priority."

1983 Consultation on Mission and Evangelism

The response of the Executive was to convene a Consultation on Mission and Evangelism. This was held in Auckland on the 4 October 1983. Present were 20 representatives of NCC Member Churches. The agenda for the Consultation was;

- a) The possibility of setting up an NCC Commission on Mission and Evangelism.
- b) The place of Mission and Evangelism in the proposed new ecumenical structure.
- c) The recent World Council of Churches Statement on Mission and Evangelism.
- d) Any other business on the theme which delegates wish to raise.

There were two major resolutions that emerged.

ONE: That the National Council of Churches not proceed to establish a Commission on Mission and Evangelism.

TWO: That the National Council of Churches organise regular forums with the following objectives;

- a) To share ideas and resources from various Churches.
- b) To provide group support for full-time personnel involved in the field of evangelism in the Churches.
- c) To make connections between the various Church programmes and evangelism.
- d) To be a clearing house for information, visitors from overseas, written resources, etc.
- e) To develop relationships between those working in the field of evangelism.

1984 Forum on Evangelism

In terms of the resolution of the 1983 Consultation, the NCC convened a one-day forum in Auckland on the 12 June.

From this forum, attended by 22 Church representatives, the following resolutions were passed on to the National Council of Churches for action.

- i) That the NCC establish an Evangelism Work Group.
- ii) That the objectives of the Work Group be to prepare - arrange input for the next Evangelism Forum relating to;
 - a) The cultural dimensions of evangelism - how does culture shape the response/rejection of the Gospel.
 - b) Effective methods/strategies of evangelism. What is working now in terms of evangelism?
- iii) That the NCC host another Forum -
 - * WHEN - September 1984, Friday/Saturday.
 - * WHERE - Hamilton.
 - * WHAT - The theme to be -
"Making Congregations More Effective
in Communicating the Gospel."
With specific input from the Work Group.
 - * WHO - Participants who can contribute/learn/
communicate effectively back in the local/
regional/national Church.

ii) EVANGELISM RESOURCE PERSON

+ 1983 CONFERENCE RESOLUTION:

"The Development Division be requested to study the proposal contained in the Notice of Motion -

'In expectation that Methodist Membership in New Zealand will drop below 20,000 next year, Conference appoint a Resource Person for Evangelism, in similar fashion to our appointment of Resource Persons for Stewardship.'

and report to Synods and Conference 1984."

Minutes p.648.

+ SEEKING CLARIFICATION OF THE PROPOSAL FROM THE MOVER OF THE NOTICE OF MOTION

Early in the year the Division wrote to the Rev John Langley, Mover of the Notice of Motion, requesting more background information about the proposal.

John elaborated on his Notice of Motion under two headings:

ONE: RATIONNALE:

"I see Evangelism today as a challenge so difficult that we need a person set aside for that one thing only. This person would have the time to do the research and evaluation of what is going on around the world, and so become a specialist able to guide the presbyter and people in the local set-up.

The comparison with Stewardship is helpful. Every Minister is, I believe, responsible for training and encouraging his/her people in the area of Christian Stewardship. But no Minister has the time to specialise in this subject in the same way that a Stewardship Director can. So the Director comes into the Parish to help the Minister in his/her task. It is up to the Director to demonstrate to the local parish that he/she (the Director) is worth the costs involved.

TWO: IMPLEMENTATION:

- + That we appoint a person fulltime to be a Resource Person for training our people in the local Church setting in the task of Evangelism.
- + The costs of this appointment shall be on a 'user pays' basis.
- + That in order to launch the scheme, part of the initial costs - training/travelling overseas etc. - be borne by the Connexion.
- + That additional Resource Persons (Presbyters and Lay), be trained and made available to the Parish for "Training in Evangelism" (in similar fashion to the Stewardship Directors who are part-time), also on a 'user pays' basis. (This would have the advantage of covering the range of theological perspectives found within the Methodist Church of New Zealand).
- + That the Resource Person (Evangelism Director?) be responsible for preparing a range of programmes for the local parish on Evangelism. The aim of such programmes will be to help both presbyter and people in the task of Evangelism by -
 - challenging them to face up to the task;
 - training them in how to go about the task;
 - providing a programme suited to their particular parish needs, together with suitable materials etc;
 - giving encouragement to parishes as they implement their programmes."

+ RESPONSE OF THE 'MAKING DISCIPLES' TASK GROUP

The Board of the Division referred John Langley's material to its 'Making Disciples' Task Group for comment.

The Task Group chose not to debate the proposition itself, but rather to suggest ways by which the Church might effectively grapple with it.

The suggestions which emerged were;

- " - that it be discussed at 'grass-roots level' in Parishes;
- that an appropriate way to do this is to put a questionnaire in "FOCUS" which could be returned to the Division individually, or in parish lots;
- that all Ministers be asked, encouraged, to raise the issue on a given Sunday using perhaps a 'President's Letter' from the pulpit. The "FOCUS" questionnaire and article to coincide in timing;
- that the last resort would be to send the proposal to Synods and Quarterly Meetings."

The Task Group concluded;

"The issue is a vital one, and one that would provoke a great deal of discussion within our Church. It would allow people who say that the 'Methodist Church does nothing about Evangelism' to be open about how they see it happening; and those who are satisfied to say so.

We don't see a decision needing to be made at Conference 1984, but could allow 1985 to be the discussion year."

+ RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF THE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

At its meeting on the 27 July, the Board considered the suggestions from the Task Group.

It resolved to do three things:

- ONE : To accept in principle the suggestion to refer the matter to Parishes and Synods in 1985.
- TWO : To advise John Langley/Synods/Conference of the Board's proposed way of handling the issue and the reasons why it has chosen this course of action.
- THREE : To ask the 'Making Disciples' Task Group to act in this matter for the Board, and provide appropriate resources to enable Parishes to grapple with the proposition.

The Board acknowledged the following factors influenced its decisions:

- + The appointment of a new Superintendent to the Division, and the possibility that that person may well wish to offer and develop distinctive leadership in the area of evangelism.
- + The Board itself is reviewing the way it handles the mandate given to it by the Conference -
"To be responsible for the Church's policy and programme of Evangelism."
- + The desire to consult widely to ascertain if the proposal to 'appoint a Resource Person for Evangelism' reflects the concerns and commitment of Parishes and Synods.

iii) 'MAKING DISCIPLES' TASK GROUP

During the year the Task Group has continued to meet in Palmerston North bi-monthly, Friday evening to Saturday noon. We believe this extended meeting time provides a valuable model to the Church of a way of meeting which allows the persons attending to enrich their spirituality together, and to take time to ensure that business is attended to fully.

We have concentrated much of our attention on issues which began last year -

- i) The Charismatic Dimension of Evangelism.
- ii) Encouraging Lay Initiatives in Evangelism.

* The Charismatic Dimension of Evangelism

The Task Group met with some Methodist Charismatic Church Leaders (lay and clergy at Arohanui (Havelock North) from July 20-22. Time was spent reflecting on several important Charismatic emphases -

- + The Ministry of Healing.
- + The Ministry of Deliverance/Spiritual Healing.
- + The Ministry of Inner Healing/Healing of Memories.

The group participated in a Charismatic Service in Hastings, an event which brought three local parishes together to launch a combined Discipleship School.

We believe that this event and the first dialogue retreat held last year, are beginning to model a process which is helpful in which Charismatic Methodists are encouraged to share their insights in Evangelism, and which enables significant learning and sharing to take place.

The Task Group is beginning to work with the Education Division to explore ways in which New Zealand Methodist Charismatic Resources might be produced. We see this as an important step in the affirmation of the Charismatic emphasis within New Zealand Methodism. We are keeping a watching brief on the Faith and Order Committee's dialogue with the Charismatic Movement.

* Encouraging Lay Initiatives in Evangelism

From October 12-14 a Parish Evangelism School is to be held in Palmerston North. The Task Group is initiating this action in the belief that such a weekend is one way of encouraging Parishes to become intentional about evangelism. The weekend will use a Canadian Resource which has been adapted to New Zealand needs. The Development Division is subsidising the cost of this material so that participation can be encouraged. It is hoped to run a second School in the Auckland area early in 1985.

We have also received reports on other local evangelism initiatives and we would encourage parishes in their efforts.

The Task Group has responded this year to one parish which asked for some help to clarify its evangelistic task. We were able to send two of our Task Group members to the Parish. This new area of Task Group work is an interesting and exciting development. We are available to the Connexion to help any Parish with its evangelism, either by suggesting people who can help; by corresponding with the Parish concerned; or where practicable, by sending

Task Group persons to aid the Parish.

* Overseas Connections in 1983-1984

In November 1983, Wallace Chapman attended a CCA Seminar in Sydney entitled "Evangelism in Context".

In his report Wallace summarised the learnings that emerged from the seminar:

"Evangelism must always be earthed in its own setting/context; Church structures are so often alien to Evangelism; Evangelism is the mandate of the people of God - not of the specialist; Evangelism is by nature two-sided - inward and outward. The Church is ever in a position of imbalance between these two positions."

In May 1984, Robyn Brown and Aso Saleopulu attended the Conference of the Uniting Church in Australia's Commission on Evangelism held in Melbourne.

In her report to the Task Group, Robyn outlined -

- * "The Conference Themes: Our images of God; Evangelism in the Faith Development of the Individual; Evangelism in the life-cycle of the Local Congregation.
- * Conference Workshops: Ecumenical Co-operation in Evangelism; Youth Evangelism; Inner-City Evangelism.
- * Conclusions:

EVANGELISM IS NOT A PROGRAMME IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH CHRISTIAN PERSON TO BRING OTHERS TO FAITH BY CONVERSION BY THE GRACE OF GOD.

What does all this mean for us? That is, of course, for you to decide.

For me it is essential that we find some way of enabling more local congregations to recognise -

- a) The urgency of the task.
- b) That they have the resources within themselves to be the evangelists.

This process has, I believe, already begun and will continue through the 'Parish Evangelism Schools'.

It is important also that we continue to enable congregations to work through the 'fear' of conversion. I say continue because I believe that it is that very task that was begun with the visits made by Roger Herft. If we can continue to work diligently in these areas as well as recognising our own inner spiritual needs I believe we will begin to work towards being members of gift affirming, gift evoking, gift bearing communities."

* Ongoing Matters

- + The Task Group is hoping to produce a tabloid-format resource on Small Group Life as a setting for evangelism during this year.

- + The Task Group is beginning to move into the area of actively promoting evangelism within the Connexion instead of being mostly a clearing-house for information and resources. We are aware that evangelism is a crucial aspect of many other initiatives within our church life and we are seeking to bring this to the attention of our Church.

The address for any correspondence with the Task Group is:

Rev Rob Ferguson
Convener
PO Box 1887
PALMERSTON NORTH

* Personnel

The Task Group is a Standing Committee of the Development Division, centred in Palmerston North. It comprises a group of clergy and lay folk - equal numbers of clergy/lay men and women, drawn from Taranaki, Manawatu, Wanganui and Hawkes Bay.

It is appropriate in 1984 to make particular reference to the work of Barry Jones. Barry has given tireless leadership to the Task Group and has been a continuous source of encouragement to evangelism within our Connexion. As a Task Group we would thank Barry for his many years work as a member of the Group and wish him well as his ministry moves in a new direction.

* GRANT-IN-AID PROCEDURES

The Division has sent a report to all Synods/Union District Councils recommending that they have greater participation in the process of assessment and allocation of Grant-in-Aid to Parishes.

1. The Present Procedures

Around August/September Parishes requesting Grant-in-Aid for the current Financial Year make application to the Development Division on a special form.

Before the application reaches the Division it is endorsed/modified by the District Synod.

In late September, early October, the Division's Grant-in-Aid sub-Committee reviews all the applications and makes recommendations on the level of aid to each Parish depending on -

- The total funds available to the Division for Grant-in-Aid.
- The Conference-approved criteria for the allocation of grants.
- The needs of each Parish relative to one another.

The Board receives the recommendations and forwards them to Conference for final approval. Once Conference has endorsed the Board's recommendations the grants are paid out to Parishes - one payment for the September-December quarters and subsequent payments in March and June.

2. The Proposed Changes to the Procedures

- ONE : That at the beginning of each Connexional Year the Division seeks from each District the likely amount of Grant-in-Aid required for the new Financial Year beginning 1 July.
- TWO : The Division co-ordinates all the Districts' requests and makes application to the Connexional Budget and subsequently the Winstone Fund for appropriate finance.
- THREE : Following the endorsement of the May Finance Committee, the Division advises each District of the amount allocated to it for Grant-in-Aid in the new Financial Year.
- FOUR : Each District receives applications from the Parishes for Grant-in-Aid.
- FIVE : On receipt of the applications the Synod interacts with its Parishes which have requested Grant-in-Aid and arrives at an agreed level for the grant.
- SIX : Having finalized the grants each Synod advises the Division of the amount allocated to Parishes. This will enable the Division to Connexionally monitor the system.
- SEVEN : Beginning in September, the Division will advance funds to Districts for them to distribute to Parishes to cover the first quarter's distribution, and make subsequent block payments.

OR

The Division itself could make the payments direct to Parishes.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the revised procedures for assessing and allocating Grant-in-Aid to Parishes be accepted on a trial basis for two years, with a report to Synods and Conference, 1986.

Edwin B Clarke CHAIRPERSON
Barry E Jones SUPERINTENDENT

JOINT WORKING COMMITTEE TOWARDS A
BI-CULTURAL METHODIST CHURCH IN AOTEAROA

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"One is not bound by monoculture - but knowing what one is one can then choose to add another cultural dimension to one's own. Possibilities abound. Horizons expand. Rigid concepts and values explode. The Universe takes on a whole new spectrum of colour, new depths, breadth of perception as one suddenly is able to stand on both sides of a mountain at the same time and see its peak. To see God twice, yet as one God.

- Brian Olsen

The coming of a bi-cultural Methodist Church in Aotearoa promises new possibilities for its members. It also promises pain as old ways of thinking and acting are discarded.

To help implement the resolution of the 1983 Conference *"to work towards the formation of a bi-cultural Church as an essential first step towards multi-culturalism"* the Development and Maori Divisions established a Joint Working Committee on Bi-Culturalism.

In this its first report to Conference, the Joint Working Committee wishes to feature the following issues.

*** BI-CULTURALISM SEMINARS**

The 1983 Conference requested the Development Division to "facilitate the holding of Power-Sharing Seminars in 1984 involving key Connexional, District and Local Leaders."

Because the purpose of the Seminars is to raise Pakeha awareness of the issues of bi-culturalism, the Board of the Development Division defined its understanding of the Objectives and Process of the Seminars.

"A: OBJECTIVES

Jesus taught and lived the truth that God is "making all things new."

Systems and attitudes within New Zealand that deny Maori people the realization of their potential as persons, citizens and disciples of Christ, fall under God's judgement.

God stands with the disadvantaged. The inbreaking of God's Just Kingdom means that the power and resources within the present institutions of Church and State must be re-distributed for the benefit of all, not retained for the advantage of some.

ONE : Coming to terms with Maori aspirations, both within the Methodist Church and society, generally.

"Hearing and listening to the cry of pain."

TWO : Analysing the structures and forces within church and society that reinforce the existing mono-cultural patterns and expectations.

THREE : Struggling how to close the gap between the aspirations of the Maori people and the institutional forces that inhibit their aspirations being fulfilled.

B: PROCESS

Because the purpose of the seminars is to raise awareness of the issue of bi-culturalism and to intentionally change the mono-cultural shape of the Church, the process of the seminars must be basically experiential. That is, participants must 'feel' and 'experience' the issues rather than just intellectually seek to diagnose a problem and attempt to remedy it.

As the issues of mono-culturalism have to do with deep-seated emotions, attitudes, and prejudices, significant personal change will not occur unless they are exposed and challenged. Therefore, in the seminars there will be specific sessions designed to confront participants with corporate and individual racism.

However, in addition to the 'experiential' dimensions in the process there will also be sessions that encourage participants to work hard at analysing the forces that support mono-cultural structures in church and society. Participants will be challenged to help shape a bi-cultural church as an essential first step towards multi-culturalism. "

Three bi-culturalism seminars held during June and July were attended by 86 Pakeha people. They represented a wide range of parishes, organisations, Standing Committees and Divisions, as well as some who asked that they be allowed to attend as private individuals.

Each seminar had a team of facilitators and Maori consultants.

The reactions of participants were mixed, some questioned the process used, many caught a vision of a bi-cultural church and society and stated their intention to help the vision become a reality.

C: MAORI INITIATIVES

On its own initiative the Maori Division has taken two significant steps to help its members prepare for the coming bi-cultural church.

Firstly, for seven days over Easter this year, seventeen members of the Division, representing all the Circuits, met at Whakatuora for a Maori bi-culturalism seminar.

Secondly, the Board of the Division has asked that all meetings within the life of the Division (e.g. Circuit, Te Ropu Wahine, Board and Executive), give up to 50% of meeting-time to considering the issues of bi-culturalism within the life of the Methodist Church.

* RESOURCES

Since last Conference the Joint Working Committee has arranged the production of the following resources:

* AN INFORMATION LEAFLET (March) -

Giving notice of the seminars and resources being planned.

* "PASSPORT" -

Three issues of the newspaper (June - September - November). 5,000 copies have been distributed to Parishes. The Committee expresses its thanks to Mike Paterson who has so ably established the layout of the paper and edited the initial issues.

* "TOWARDS A BI-CULTURAL CHURCH" -

A resource booklet. 5,000 copies of the 24-page booklet have been sent to parishes. This booklet incorporates the material asked for by the 1983 Conference -

"The whole report (of the June 1983 Power-Sharing Seminar) be referred to all Leaders' Meetings, Quarterly Meetings, Parish Councils, Tonga, Fijian and Samoan Parishes or Fellowships..."

* Two VHS video presentations -

"ON THE MOVE.....TOWARDS A BI-CULTURAL CHURCH" - a 13-minute cassette featuring interviews with some key Connexional Leaders.

A copy is available in each District for use by Parishes.

"WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE" -

A video prepared especially for use in the bi-cultural seminars.

* FUNDING

The Committee submitted to the Finance and Stewardship Committee in May an application for Connexional Funds.

The details of the application were:

a) <u>Reporting to Parishes:</u>	\$
i) Basic report "TOWARDS A BI-CULTURAL CHURCH" - 5,000 copies	2,300
ii) Kitsets (copies for initially 36 Parishes)	850
iii) "PASSPORT" newspapers (6 issues per year) 5,000 copies per issue)	5,800
iv) VHS video cassette - "ON THE MOVE.... TOWARDS A BI-CULTURAL CHURCH" (1 copy for each Synod)	850
	<hr/> \$9,800
b) <u>Bi-Culturalism Seminars:</u>	
(6 during 1984/85)	
i) 50% of the residential costs per participants' and facilitators' costs	3,500
ii) VHS video cassette "WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE?" 3 copies	850
	<hr/> \$4,350
	 TOTAL = <u>\$14,150</u>

The Finance and Stewardship Committee approved the application.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report be received.

ADDENDUM

*** CHURCH LAND AND PROPERTY ORIGINALLY PURCHASED OR GIFTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF MAORI PEOPLE.**

Since the arrival of the Wesleyan Missionaries in Aotearoa, land has been purchased by the Church, or gifted to the Church by Maori people specifically for Maori church-related use.

Over the years the use and control of some of this land has tended to become under almost exclusive Pakeha control, its use hardly benefitting directly or indirectly, Maori people for whom it was originally purchased or gifted.

At the Power-Sharing Seminar, June 1983, a recommendation was made -

"That Conference appoint an investigating body to study and recommend to Conference 1984, how all land and property originally purchased or gifted for the benefit of Maori people, can be transferred to the direct control of the Maori Division."

The committee has received a letter signed by 22 Methodist women who attended the "Women and Ministry Conference" at Camp Morley (20 - 24 August 1984) urging that such an investigation be held.

Although the Joint Committee is aware of the recommendation from the June 1983 Power-Sharing Seminar, it has not had opportunity to discuss fully the important issues that lie at the heart of the recommendation.

However, it wishes to keep the matter before the Conference through this addendum.

Rua Rakena
Barry Jones

A PASTORAL REVIEW OF FIJIAN MINISTRY
IN NEW ZEALAND

INTRODUCTION:

The Development Division of the Methodist Church of New Zealand invited the Rev Paula Niukula, President of the Fiji Methodist Conference, to visit Auckland and Wellington to undertake a pastoral review of the respective Fijian Fellowships and Ministries.

At the end of Rev Niukula's 11-day visit, he and the Rev Barry Jones, Superintendent of the Development Division, conferred and issued the following Statement for consideration by the Fiji and New Zealand Conferences.

*** PARTNERSHIP**

We affirm the effectiveness of the partnership between the two Conferences in providing and supporting Ministry among the Wellington and Auckland Fijian Fellowships.

*** MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS**

We acknowledge the significance of the appointment of the Rev Samusamuvodre to Auckland the Rev Curulala to Wellington.

Their work among each of the Fellowships has been distinguished by the following features;

- + Each Minister and his family has provided a supportive 'home' for the Fijian members of the Fellowship.
- + The Ministers have exercised a leadership role within each of the Fijian Communities. This cultural leadership transcends denominational affiliations.
- + Through their encouragement lay leadership is being fostered and trained.
- + Their Ministry is wider than the Fijian Fellowships. They minister among other cultures within the life of the Auckland East and Wellington Central Parishes.

*** INITIAL DIFFICULTIES**

The settlement of both Ministers and their families in New Zealand and the establishment of their respective ministries was not without difficulties. We are heartened by the determination of all concerned to work through the problems.

*** THE LEARNINGS**

A number of significant learnings have emerged to date.

- ONE : The partnership between the two Conferences in providing appropriate ministry to Fijian Methodists in New Zealand is working.

TWO : The New Zealand Conference in this partnership is the receiving Church, not the sending Church in terms of missionary personnel.

THREE : The self-supporting concept of Ministry enabled the appointment of an Ordained Minister to work with the Wellington Fijian Fellowship.

After an initial period there is now need for the Rev Curulala to spend two full days a week exercising Ministry and supplementing his income by part-time employment.

FOUR : There is value in the Fiji Conference, through its President or others, relating in a pastoral way to the Fijian Ministers and Fellowships in New Zealand. This personalized support helps not only the Fijian Fellowships but also the New Zealand Conference as it seeks to responsibly provide oversight for Fijian Methodists.

* ONGOING ISSUES

1. IN-SERVICE LEAVE FOR FIJIAN MINISTERS SERVING IN NZ

While provision for leave was not part of the original terms of appointment for Revs Samusamuvodre and Curulala, it is important that this issue be explored by the two Conferences.

2. EXTENSION OF TERM

The appointment of both Ministers was for a specific four year term. As the Ministries develop the question of an extension of term must be raised.

However, we affirm the importance of limited terms so that there can be an ongoing sharing of personnel. Any suggestion of permanent placement in New Zealand would negate this important principle.

3. TRAINING/LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MALAKAI AND ELIA

As the Fiji Conference sees both Ministers as important resource people in Ministry once they return to Fiji, it is important that they be given opportunity for practical and theoretical study in the areas of urban ministry and community development.

4. SHORT-TERM TRAINING/LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IN NZ FOR FIJIAN MINISTERS

The Fiji Conference wishes to explore the possibility of sending some of its Ministers to New Zealand to explore and experience the nature of urban ministry. In Fiji, Ministry has been largely rural in its setting. Increasingly there is need to develop skills in urban ministry.

The presence of the Revs Curulala and Samusamuvodre in Wellington and Auckland provide the personnel who can oversee and monitor any such short-term courses.

We are confident that an appropriate programme can be worked out between the two Conferences that will provide the necessary training opportunities.

*** ORIENTATION FOR MINISTERS APPOINTED TO SERVE IN NZ**

We believe that the issue of orientation needs to be raised. We suggest that the Revs Samusamuvodre and Curulala be asked to comment in the light of their experiences, whether or not orientation should be encouraged.

Rev Paula Niukula

President:
Methodist Church
in Fiji

Rev Barry Jones

Superintendent:
Development Division
Methodist Church of
New Zealand

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Development Division be responsible for maintaining liaison with the Fiji Conference in terms of items 1 - 4 in the section of the Pastoral Review Report headed "Ongoing Issues."

AUCKLAND METHODIST FIJIAN FELLOWSHIP

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It is good to have an opportunity to look back and give thanks to God for those who made such significant beginnings for God's work among the Fijians in Auckland. In any case what I want to say is that, it must have started from somebody planting a small branch in the soil, and it took root and grew. It must have been battered by many storms and strong winds, but stronger and bigger it grew, an evergreen tree with deep roots and evergreen canopy giving shade to hundreds of children in that school.

And so the Church which started from the same spot with a small beginning throughout the last years has given life, comfort, peace and love in Christ's name to hundreds of Fijians throughout Greater Auckland and has brought many to Christ.

HOUSE GROUPS:

There are currently three groups running within the Fellowship. Each group is autonomous, and seeks to meet its own needs and arrange its own study material. A typical format during the group would be - songs of praise and worship; a time of prayer, discussion and study; opportunity for ministry (spontaneously if it happens, not necessarily structured; then sharing in the Benediction and Grace together. At least some of the House Groups have a concept of outreach. One group became a resource and motivation for visitation to some people within the Fellowship, others offered help with hospital visiting.

Some members of the group have been able to share hurts and resentments, and find healing and forgiveness. One person had sat quiet for weeks bearing a heavy burden, and suddenly because the group was warmly accepting, she said, "I want to tell you something," and it all came out. This experience was a catalyst in her moving forward. The mutual sharing of prayer and discoveries and that which has promoted spiritual growth has been mutually helpful to group members. With the pressure of life being what it is, members often attend unwillingly, but almost inevitably are uplifted and encouraged when they are there. Some groups meet regularly in one home, while others exchange homes in turn. There is real evidence of spiritual growth towards wholeness, but the inter-referral between wider Church pastoral contacts and the House Groups needs strengthening.

SUNDAY SERVICES:

A regular Church Service is being held at the Mt Eden Methodist Church every Sunday at 3.00p.m. This is an opportunity for people to meet and share together and to receive ministry through prayer for specific needs. In particular, for those who want to make a commitment to Christ there is an opportunity in the context of worship, for example during the Communion Service.

The worshipping congregation, while significant in personal growth and awareness, is not adequate alone. The opportunity to meet regularly in depth for worship, for sharing, for learning and to develop ministry is vital in a healthy congregation. So the newly committed, and the interested, are referred on to the House Groups, where they will find continuing nurture, friendship and support in their Christian pilgrimage. Conversely, the House Groups may be the place where person-to-person contact can be developed. As the fellowship grows the client is encouraged to come into the worshipping life of the congregation.

The Sunday duty of host or hostessing at the Church door is an opportunity for people to be welcomed and followed up pastorally. If there is a vital, ongoing fellowship and ministry in the life of the Church, members are encouraged to invite others along.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:

Once again the time has come to look back on the year's activities for the Women's Fellowship. Thanks are due to the President, Mrs L Damu, and to those members who have taken the devotional periods, for the helpful and friendly atmosphere of the meetings. Our membership stands at 20 and we have enjoyed a variety of programmes during the year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Teachers are undertaking training.

YOUTH GROUP:

To cope with large numbers of young people within the Fellowship a Youth Group has been formed. They meet fortnightly at Mt Eden Methodist Church Hall and participate in activities of their choice. A Youth Council organises their own activities, and Lai (Group Leader) acts as advisor, as well as attending all meetings when possible. He makes sure that activities fit in well with the total Church programme, and sees that there is adequate and developing leadership within the Youth area. He believes that young people learn by doing, particularly in response to leadership.

Students are from Secondary School, Technical Institutes and University levels. Some of them are lonely (family in Fiji), and they are responding to the caring and sharing of the group.

VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE FIJI METHODIST CONFERENCE:

A Pastoral visit was made by the Rev P Niukula, President of the Fiji Conference, to the Auckland Fellowship from June 28 - July 3. He spoke to the Women's Fellowship on the Saturday night and preached at our Sunday afternoon Service. It was a time of joy and sharing together.

We look back with thanks to God for His guidance through another year and look ahead with trust and confidence in His power to help us as individuals and as a group in the coming year.

CHAIRPERSON: Macia Taura

MINISTER: Rev Elia Samusamuvodre

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Report be received.

FIJIAN CONGREGATION WELLINGTON REPORT - 1984

The Fijian congregation is one of the four different racial components of Wesley Church, Wellington, namely European, Samoan, Tongan and Fijian. The Fijian congregation was the last to be incorporated into Wesley Church and is the smallest group of all.

MEMBERSHIP:

The 100 members of the pastoral roll consists of adults and children. The membership roll fluctuates because of families who move in and out of Wellington and for those who come for short courses. The fluctuating nature of the Fijian Methodist Community has affected the stewardship and worship as a whole. The above factor, therefore, consolidates the acute need of total commitment of each member of the congregation to the Lord.

WORSHIP:

We usually share in the Combined Service of the Wesley Church at 10a.m. every Sunday and the Holy Communion on every first Sunday of each month. We have two Fijian Language Services in a month held on the second and fourth Sundays.

GROUP ACTIVITIES:

The Fijian congregation apart from Worship, meets for choir practice, Bible Study and Prayer Meetings, the latter done on a family basis. Fund raising is based on our traditional way. This has helped our stewardship in its gradual increase.

GROUP MEETINGS:

Within the group there are two meetings, one of the Committee held once a month, the other is a congregational meeting held on the last Sunday of each month. Apart from these two meetings, the group has representatives to the Church Council and the Central Committee of the Wesley Church.

FORUM:

Apart from the many forums organised by Wesley Church, our group has organised two. The first was the Lay-Clergy Dialogue, initiated by the Rev David Mullan, but led by the Rev Frank Hanson and the Rev Keith Taylor. The other forum was on "Family Life" led by the Rev Paula Niukula, President of the Fiji Methodist Conference, during his visit to Wellington.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Because of the great demand for pastoral care from the congregation and the inadequate time the Minister has for his whole ministerial work, the self-supporting Ministry needs to be changed to either a part-time or a full-time basis.

2. There is a need for a Joint Advisory Board of the Auckland and Wellington Fijian Congregations to evaluate the work and to plan for the future of Fijian people in New Zealand.

Rev Malakai Curulala: Minister

SAMOAN POLICY COMMITTEE

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The Samoan Policy Committee met at Wesley Church, Taranaki Street, Wellington on the 28 April, 1984:

There were 38 present, plus two observers from the Samoan Conference in New Zealand. The Committee wishes to report the following matters to the 1984 Conference.

1. MINISTRY:

i) **APPOINTMENT OF SAMOAN MINISTERS TO NEW ZEALAND PARISHES**

At the 1983 Conference, the General Purposes Committee approved the new Auckland Samoan Parish and the Wellington Central Parish seeking the appointment of ordained Ministers from the Samoan Conference through the Development Division. As the result of negotiations between the Development Division and the Samoan Conference, the Rev Ioane Afoa was appointed to the Auckland Samoan Parish, and the Rev Seilala Mapusua to the Wellington Central Parish. Both Ministers took up their appointment in late April. The term of appointment for each Minister is four years.

ii) **SELF-SUPPORTING MINISTRY**

Considerable discussion took place at the Samoan Policy Committee concerning the Self-Supporting Ministers. The issues raised were:

- a) The wish of some Self-Supporting Ministers to become fulltime Ministers.
- b) The need for ordained Self-Supporting Ministers to continue study that will enrich their Ministry.
- c) Can a Self-Supporting Minister be appointed by Conference to serve in other Parishes?

Because of the uncertainty on these matters, the Committee requested the Committee on Ministry to prepare a bi-lingual statement clarifying the position for Self-Supporting Ministry.

2. YOUTH:

- a) Rev Kopelani presented an oral report of the Youth Camp held at Wesley College Paerata, in December 1983. There are a few things which need improvement, but the camp, overall, was a success.
- b) Future Youth Camp: The following suggestions were made:
 - * It should be held annually, biennially, triennially.
 - * Some suggested that it should be divided into two:
 - + The northern part of the North Island - Auckland - Tokoroa.
 - + The southern part of the North Island - Gisborne - Petone.

The Committee looked at these suggestions and finally agreed that future camps be held every three years. The 1985 Policy Committee will look at the next camp in regard to the time and place.

c) Youth Director:

There were suggestions for a possibility of appointing a Youth Director to work full time among Samoan Youth.

The Committee considered this matter very carefully in regard to the right person and finance. The Committee finally agreed to leave this matter to the next meeting.

d) Youth Sunday

The third Sunday in July to be observed annually as Youth Sunday.

3. TRAINING OF LAY PREACHERS:

The changes proposed by the Education Division for the training of Lay Preachers in the future were shared. The changes would mean that things would be done differently than in the past. There will be no assignments or examinations in the proposed Course. Guidelines would be assessed locally.

After hearing the report, the Committee was strongly in favour of retaining the old Course.

4. STRUCTURE AND POLICY:

- * Relationship of the Auckland Samoan Parish to the Samoan Policy Committee:

The Auckland Samoan Parish sought to clarify their relationship to the Samoan Policy Committee because they are operating as a Samoan Parish.

After discussion, the Committee decided that the Auckland Samoan Parish should still be part of the Samoan policy Committee because this is the Committee which deals with Samoan affairs as a whole within the Methodist Conference of New Zealand.

The Committee then agreed that the Auckland Samoan Parish is entitled to send three representatives to the Samoan Policy Committee.

* Relationship to Synod:

Wellington is the only Fellowship operating regionally, others are operating locally. The question is, how are those groups to be represented at Synod?

The Committee agreed that each Fellowship should be represented through their Parish.

* Samoan Conference Representatives to N.Z. Synods and Vice-Versa:

The Convener of the Committee pointed out that the consultation between the two Conferences held in Auckland during 1982, agreed that invitations be extended to New Zealand and Samoan Synod representatives to be present at Synod meetings as observers.

It was agreed that Auckland and Wellington be asked to consider this with a view to action.

* Relationship Between the Two Conference Groups in Wellington:

There is an urgent need for combined activities between the two groups in Wellington as in Auckland. The Rev Taotua (Samoan Conference Minister) agreed that this could be done. So it was left to the Convener of the Committee to inform Rev's Apelu Tuimaseve and Frank Hanson.

* Samoan Conference representatives to the Samoan Policy Committee:

It was agreed that there should be five representatives to attend the Samoan Policy Committee meeting annually. They will be free to bring any matters that they would like to discuss in the Samoan Policy Committee.

* Rev Ted Ground's Position:

The Committee agreed that Rev Grounds should continue as a member of the Inter-Conference Committee which deals with Samoan Affairs, as agreed in the 1982 Consultation.

The Executive of the Samoan Policy Committee will review Rev Ground's position as his retirement is imminent. A possible replacement will be considered by the Executive.

* Review of the Convener:

The Committee agreed that Rev Amituana'i remain as Convener.

5. REPRESENTATIVES TO CONFERENCE:

Tovia Aumua; Faleula Fagaloa; Fiavaaiga Seiuli.

6. MEMBERSHIP:

The membership of the Committee to remain the same with the exception of the Auckland Samoan Parish which is now entitled to three representatives and the addition of the Secretary of the Wellington Samoan District.

7. DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

27 April, 1985 - Gisborne.

CHAIRPERSON: G E Hill (President)

CONVENER: Rev S T Amituana'i

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Report be received.

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MALŌ E LELEI

'Oku tau fakamalō ki he 'Otua 'i He'ene tauhi mai 'etau mo'ui
pea tau a'usia lelei 'ae Konifelenisi 'oe ta'u ko eni.

This is our second report to Conference since the formation of the Committee. The Committee wishes to give a brief outline of the wide variety of tasks carried out over the past twelve months by the Tongan Methodists in Aotearoa under the following headings:

- * *Auckland/Manukau Tongan Circuit.*
- * *Tongan Fellowships in Hamilton, Rotorua, Petone, Wellington, Christchurch and Gisborne.*
- * *Tongan Advisory Committee.*

AUCKLAND/MANUKAU

Misinala (Annual Donations): This is the backbone of the work of the the Church. The Budget for 1983/84 was received and adopted by the 12 Fellowships. The over and surplus above the Budget was allocated to each Fellowship Local Trust for the work and needs of each Fellowship. For example, the Tongan Methodist Fellowship, Mangere, bought a big empty section for future development; New Lynn Tongan Fellowship bought a property next door to the other property. Onehunga and Glen Innes sold their old mini-buses and bought new ones for the transportation of their members, etc.

Women's Fellowship: It plays a big part in the life of the Church. It is growing strong in numbers. In September 1983 they assembled to answer their roll (Tali Ui). 12 all-women's choirs sang in the Service at Pitt Street Methodist Church. They proudly exhibited their talents in music.

Prayer meetings were held in each Local Fellowship. On the "World Women's Day" they worshipped together with members from other denominations.

Christmas & New Year's Eve: Services were held in the twelve Fellowships on Christmas Day, the same on New Year's Eve, but with 120 preachers, 10 for each Fellowship, preached in the Watch-Night Services.

Week of Prayer: (Uike Lotu). The Week of Prayer between the first and second Sundays in the New Year. Early morning and evening worship, the worshippers, young and old gathered together to pray continuously for an hour, followed by feasting throughout the week.

Sunday School's Programme: From the Kindergarten to Grade 5, the programme consisted of a combination of passive and active choices for the children attending and included biblical plays, singing, outings and games. The Annual Examination

was held on the last Saturday in January 1984 at Papatoetoe for South Auckland; Onehunga for Central Auckland and the Centre in Dominion Rd for the Town Fellowships. 441 children sat the examination, 411 passed. The exam was set in the Tongan Language emphasizing the needs to teach the Tongan Language to the children, particularly those who were born in New Zealand.

Certificates were awarded to those who successfully passed the examination.

Leadership Seminar: This was held in January 1984 at the Centre. A one-day training programme where the basic leadership techniques were taught, programming, stewards' duties, secretarial duties and youth leadership. This system of training has proved to be valuable for both the individuals and the Fellowships.

Auckland & Manukau Tongan Methodist Circuit: The inauguration of the new Circuit was celebrated from Friday 17 - Sunday 19 February, 1984.

A Choir Festival was held in the Mt Eden Memorial Hall. 13 choirs with 2 anthems each, sang to the joy of those present. 12 choirs from Auckland and Manukau, and one from Hamilton. Princess Nanasipau'u Lavaka-ata, the Mayor of Mt Eden, Mrs Phillipa Cunningham, and the Rev Dr S 'Amanaki Havea were the guest speakers. The choirs completed the evening programme by singing the "Hallelujah".

Saturday was programmed for Feasting and Cultural Festival at Potters Park, Mt Eden. Members of the Tongan Royal Family, Nobles, Rev Dr S 'Amanaki Havea (President) and visitors from Tonga and Sydney, Mayors, Judges, Leaders of other Denominations were among the thousands of guests who attended. Huge Kava and pigs were presented to the H.R.H Prince Lavaka Ata, Princess Nanasipau'u, Princess Siu'ilikutapu and the Nobility. Presentation of tapa cloth and fine mats, then the big feast followed by cultural entertainments.

The President of the NZ Methodist Church, Mr Geoff Hill, District Superintendents and many Papalangi Ministers enjoyed the day's programme.

Sunday was the day of Worship and Thanksgiving. At about 12.40p.m., their Excellencies, The Governor-General, Sir David Beattie and Lady Beattie arrived at Pitt Street Methodist Church. Prince Lavaka Ata led the members of the Tongan Royal Family into the Church and the Nobility, Mayor of Auckland Mrs Cath Tizard, joined the congregation. The two Presidents, Rev Dr S 'Amanaki Havea and Mr Geoff Hill, Superintendents of Auckland and Manukau Districts, Rev Bruce Gordon and Rev George Bennett, were ready to commence the Service.

The Service to mark the inauguration of the Auckland and Manukau Tongan Circuit was led by Rev Dr S 'Amanaki Havea followed by the Induction of the Superintendent Minister Rev Taniela Moala. The Church was packed with people. This historical event ended with afternoon tea in the parlour, *the story-teller will tell the story that a Tongan plant was taken off the Wesleyan seed-bed and planted in the rich soil of Aotearoa*, thus fulfilled the dreams and much hard work towards the establishment of a Tongan Methodist Circuit.

Easter Camp: The Camp was held in the Centre, Dominion Rd, Mt Eden from Good Friday 20 April to midnight Easter Sunday 22 April 1984. There were more young people than adults, 398 were registered but also 100 plus day-campers attended. Ministers from Tonga assisted the resident Minister, Rev T Moala, to undertake the daily activities. Pitt St Methodist Church was packed with people on Easter Sunday. The Camp Choir sang. Then the Sacrament followed. After the Service everyone was invited to the Easter Feast at the Centre. The culmination of the Easter Camp was the Biblical dramas performed by the youth groups on the Sunday night.

Lay-Preachers: Men and women are trained for the lay-ministry. From June '83 Quarterly Meetings to March '84, 17 men and women who had completed the assignments and the written examination were accredited. There are about 200 lay-preachers who are serving the Church in the Auckland/Manukau Districts.

The Lay-Preachers' class is held monthly and young and old are invited to attend. Rev Taniela Moala and Mr Tavake Tupou (Trainee Minister) are responsible for the class.

District Tongan Methodist Trust: The Trust gives general oversight to all the Tongan Methodist property.

The properties are:

Parsonage: (To Ta'u = "Sow Seeds") 118 Grange Rd, Mt Eden. Accommodates the Minister and his family.

Kupuola-'o-Tonga: "Living Link with Tonga" at 16 O'Neill Street, Ponsonby. It is a valuable base for the work of Youth in Ponsonby.

Maka Mo'ui: (Living Rock), 4 Herbert Street, Mt Eden. Provides accommodation for four Tongan families and occasional visitors.

Pule La'a: (Place of Worship), New Lynn Tongan Fellowship has bought the ex-Presbyterian Church and the property next door. The house next door is rented to a Tongan family.

Loto Fale'ia: At the heart of Mangere Township. This section is for future development.

Tongamai: At Pukekohe (7 acres) used for communal gardening by the Dominion Rd/Kingsland Tongan Fellowship.

Education: The Dominion Rd Tongan Methodist Centre is being used by the Pacific Islanders' Educational Resource Centre as a swot centre for the Tongan students sitting S.C. and U.E. exams at the end of the year. To assist these students, University students and qualified teachers all give their time free of charge. The classes have proved to be beneficial to those who attend. Mr Edgar Tu'inukuafu from the P.I.E.R.C. is the Co-ordinator.

Parents are encouraged to teach their children the Tongan language, as those who are bi-cultural are often better students. Parents should try and become involved with the students' studies especially on the cultural side.

HAMILTON

Sifa Hingano is likely to be ordained at Conference 1984. It was noted that -

- i) Waikato/Bay of Plenty Districts require the services of Rev Sifa Hingano.
- ii) The funding of the Ministry to be carried out by the Hamilton Fellowship and the Development Division.

It was resolved that the Committee asks Conference that Sifa Hingano's Ministry be continued in the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Districts and to ask Mr Gordon Dey to convey this request to the District Synod.

Worship Services are held each Sunday with a Combined Service with the Papalangi on the first Sunday of the month.

ROTORUA

Rev Sifa Hingano visits the group in Rotorua on the 4th Sunday of each month, and leads a Prayer Meeting and Bible Class in the home of one of the members. Sifa reports that it is very difficult to establish a Fellowship in Rotorua due to the instability of the Tongans who move from place-to-place and use Rotorua as a stop-off centre before moving on to either Gisborne or Wellington. However, he will try to establish a Fellowship in Rotorua as well as trying to find a suitable person to carry on the work as there are no Lay Preachers in Rotorua.

GISBORNE

Tavake Tupou has visited Gisborne and had fellowship with them. There is need for someone to provide Tongan Language Services.

PETONE

Tongans worship with Papalangi and Samoans. Services are held every Sunday. The Samoan Minister assists the Tongan Stewards in the work of the Fellowship.

The Breakaway Group in Petone consists of past members from Petone and Wellington. The Fellowships have met together and tried to reconcile with the Breakaway Group without success.

WESLEY

Services are held every third Sunday of the month and these are attended by Papalangi, Samoan and Fijian members. Youth work is held every Friday and Sunday evenings. There are 95 members, 8 Lay Preachers and 7 in the Women's Fellowship.

PALMERSTON NORTH

The Tongan Fellowship here has carried on its activities under the supervision of the Papalangi Minister Rev Rob Ferguson, and visiting Lay Preachers. Their representative was unable to attend the Tongan Advisory Committee meeting.

CHRISTCHURCH

The Fellowship is now very active under the leadership of the Rev Manase Tafea. The Superintendent of the Development Division spoke about the need to obtain an approval from the Tongan Conference for Rev Tafea to take up a part-time Ministry in Christchurch while he and his family are in New Zealand.

TONGAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Committee met over the weekend of the 9-10 June 1984, at Melville Hamilton, with representatives attending from Auckland/Manukau; Hamilton; Petone; Wellington and Christchurch. The President of Conference, Mr Geoff Hill; the Superintendent of the Development Division, Rev Barry Jones; from the Auckland District, Rev Ted Grounds; from the Manukau District, Mr Ian Faulkner, and from the Waikato District, Mr Gordon Dey, also attended. There was no representative from the Wellington Synod. Also attending as Observers were two Supernumerary Ministers from Tonga, Rev Sitiveni Manoa and Rev Suli Moa.

Reports from District Fellowships were received and discussion on issues raised as matters of concern was held e.g.

- * The Breakaway Group in Petone.
- * A Tongan Minister for the Wellington District.
- * A Tongan Minister to provide part-time oversight of the Tongan Fellowship in Christchurch.
- * Rev Sifa Hingano's Ministry in Waikato/Bay of Plenty.
- * Representatives to Conference 1984 and Committee Members for 1984/85.

TONGAN MINISTER FOR WELLINGTON

It was resolved that the President, Mr Geoff Hill; Rev Barry Jones; Mr Kilifi Heimuli and Rev Sitiveni Manoa invite representatives from the Wellington District Synod and Tongan representatives to discuss the need for a Tongan Minister for Wellington and also to talk to the Breakaway Group.

TONGAN MINISTER TO PROVIDE PART-TIME OVERSIGHT FOR CHRISTCHURCH

That the Advisory Committee advise Conference to seek approval from the Tongan Conference to appoint the Rev Manase Tafea to give part-time oversight of the Tongan Fellowship in Christchurch on the clear understanding that the stationing of Rev Tafea remains the prerogative of the Tongan Conference.

- a) That the Development Division be requested to suggest guidelines for the financial support of part-time Tongan Ministries, mindful of the different ways that Tongan and Papalangi cultures provide for the support of Ministry.

- b) That in preparing the Guidelines, the Development Division consult with Tongan Fellowships and Parishes.
- c) That the Development Division present the Draft Guidelines to the 1985 Tongan Advisory Committee.

REV SIFA HINGANO

The Advisory Committee to ask Conference that Rev Sifa Hingano be appointed to the Waikato/Bay of Plenty District following Ordination, and the funding of the Ministry to be carried out by the Hamilton Fellowship and the Development Division.

REPRESENTATIVES TO CONFERENCE - 1984

T Kilifi Heimuli (Auckland) Sione Maka (Petone)

CONCLUSION

The Tongan Advisory Committee wishes to express its sincere gratitude to the President of Conference; the Secretary of Conference; District Superintendents; the Superintendent and Development Division Chairperson and Board Members; Ministers and Officials for their untiring assistance to the Tongan Ministry during the year.

Mālō 'aupito 'ae n̄gaue. 'Ofa ke fakaivia kimoutolu katoa 'e he
'Otua.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Committee Members for 1984/85 be:

<u>Auckland/Manukau:</u>	Langilangi Mailau; Peni Mafi Ta'ufo'u; Sione Paea; 'Uha'one Metuisela; Sitaleki Puakahuhua; Sione F Tonga; Rev Taniela Moala.
<u>Hamilton:</u>	Lisiate Manu'atu; Rev Sifa Hingano.
<u>Rotorua:</u>	Sione Ha'unga Taumoepeau.
<u>Petone:</u>	Siosifa Lātū; Sione Maka.
<u>Wellington:</u>	Samiu Taufa; Paula Makisi; Niuselu Uesi.
<u>Palmerston North:</u>	1 representative.
<u>Christchurch:</u>	Kalolaine Le'ota; Rev Manase Tafea.
<u>Convener:</u>	T Kilifi Heimuli.
<u>Translator:</u>	Tavake Tupou.

One Minister from each District where a Tongan Fellowship operates. Plus, the President of Conference, the Superintendent of the Development Division, Convener of the Tongan Advisory Committee, and Tongan Ministers.

CHAIRPERSON: Mr Geoff Hill
President of Conference
CONVENER: Mr T Kilifi Heimuli.

METHODIST EDUCATION DIVISION

ANNUAL REPORT 1984

E te Atua , Kua ruia nei,
O purapura pai;
Homai e Koe he ngakau hou,
Kia tupu ake ai
(With One Voice, No.650)

1. PLANNING AND TRAINING

Last year we pointed to some of the changes taking place in the Church's educational ministry. We noted the greater diversity in patterns for local congregational work with children, the way education is seen increasingly as part of the total life of the church, the possibilities in exploring further the links between education and worship. Such changes are challenging, and require a different way of thinking about our educational task in the future.

The interaction of different cultures and different theological perspectives adds to the challenge. So does the step we have taken as a Church to move towards becoming bi-cultural.

During this year the Staff and the Board have been reflecting on the implications of all this, and searching for appropriate educational responses. The Consultation has been part of this process. As Staff, we have also been exploring new ways of working together, with an emphasis on team-work and consensus decision-making.

"Exploring a Living Faith"

From 30th August to 2nd September 36 people representing a cross-section of Methodist diversity met in the Methodist Church. Prior to the event, questionnaires were sent to all parishes, including Union and Co-operating parishes so every congregation had the opportunity to talk about their Christian education. Responses were then collated to give a picture of educational activity in the congregations of each district.

At the Consultation itself we were then able to assess what is happening in education around the church; to identify what could possibly be the major developments in the life of the local congregation and its educational ministry during the next ten years, and to begin to work at the possible implications of this for the next ten years.

The major marks of our common vision are:-

The Centrality of Worship
The development of Small Group Life
Shared Style of Leadership

The Breaking of Monoculturalism
Inclusiveness
Faith Nurturing
Community Serving
Breaking Down Patriarchy

Covering all the elements of the vision we see attitudes which are gift evoking, and characterised by freedom and confidence, with simplicity of style, structure and language.

(Note: It is anticipated that a further Report on this Consultation will be available at Conference.)

RESOURCES

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A review has been taking place of these Courses at two levels - with past users of the Courses and with a group who have looked at proposals for change. Concerning the former, the combination of textbooks, Course Notes, and national assessment have proved to be very acceptable. There has been widespread appreciation of the present format.

1984 has proved to be a difficult year for those undertaking Courses because of the interim measure to have examinations only. We hope to be on a much better footing in 1985.

Some difficulties have appeared in the review of proposals for change. The proposed shift from national to local assessment has not met with favour. Therefore it will be necessary to retain national and/or regional assessment. Another concern is the diversity of purposes for which the Courses are used - for Lay Preacher accreditation, for some Self-Supporting Ministry Training Courses, for group study, for individual use. It is not easy to cover all these settings, and some more deliberate focusing may be necessary.

Bookshops

Auckland - The Education Division is firmly of the opinion that the range of literature sold through the Auckland shop is important to the Church and is encouraged by the Church's support in increased sales.

The shop still has financial troubles, however, and one of its greatest difficulties is the lack of working capital which has been eroded over the past few years by inflation. The Finance and Stewardship Committee in May recognised the problem and encouraged the Division to approach trusts to obtain working capital by way of grants or loans.

We thank the Auckland Central Mission for its

continuing financial support.

Wellington - Sales through the Wellington shop fall into three categories. Briefly, the first, General Books, sales have been satisfactory. Likewise Religion in Life materials where sales growth continues rapidly. As anticipated, sales of Living Faith resources have declined, this being the third year of a cycle.

Living Faith prices - 1984 prices for both Religion in Life and Living Faith will be greatly affected by the 20% devaluation on top of the publisher's price increases.

In general we expect the Living Faith resources to increase in price by 35% and Religion in Life by 40%.

It should be stressed that the only difference between the Australian and New Zealand retail prices is the exchange rate.

Prices for New Zealand are set in August in time for the printing of the Joint Board Catalogues, and these prices are based on the anticipated exchange rate in March of the following year when our accounts are paid. This does cause problems and this year the rate went against us, and there was a loss on exchange of \$3,500 because of it.

Towards a Bi-Cultural Church

The Planning and Training Staff have taken seriously last Conference's resolve that the Methodist Church intend to move towards becoming bi-cultural as the first step on the way to multi-culturalism. Frank Hanson, John Salmon, Bronwen Olds and David Hanna have all been involved in Seminars or in preparation of resources, and have also been learning Maori language.

With the Board's support John Salmon has spent considerable time assisting in the publication of the basic resource, "Towards a Bi-cultural Church". He is currently working on the preparation of a kitset to aid local congregational study. Bronwen Olds and David Hanna have worked with youth in bi-cultural seminars, in putting together study resources, and ensuring a bi-cultural perspective in all youth work.

The Division is seeking ways to resource the whole church. As we work in bi-cultural directions, we will also continue to see how we can assist educational ministry for Samoan, Tongan, and Fijian groups within the church.

Diversity and Conflict in the Church

One of the major issues for the Board has been that of diversity - unity - conflict within the Methodist Church as a denomination, and also at local level. At several

of its meetings, the Board undertook exercises to explore ways of dealing with conflict, as well as discussing other aspects of the topic and our response to it. Following this, the Board will present a workshop on Conflict Prevention and Resolution early in 1985. This will be an experiential event to enable participants to learn from the group experience, and also to make it possible for them to run similar events in their local setting.

John Salmon and Glyn Jones

THE YOUTH DIRECTORS' REPORT ON YOUTH MINISTRY

Kia ora e nga iwi Weteriana
Tena Kotou, tena kotou, tena kotou katoa

We (Bronwen Olds, David Hanna), have been working in the job of YOD's (Youth Directors) for the Methodist Church of Aotearoa, for 10 months now. Having travelled some 15,000 km's, lived and eaten with many families, we greet the growing numbers of Methodist bods, youth and older peoples who have become part of the Youth Movement network.

What's happened as we have motorbiked around this land?

This first year has concentrated on three areas which the old C.Y.T.G. (Wellington) developed for the YOD's job. A major priority has been movement building - making contact with the youth and youth leaders in the never visited rural and provincial places.

Leadership Training is our second focus, with one day, weekend, and nightly events being run in many districts. Exploring the area of christian leadership has provided some exciting and enriching times for all involved.

Working towards being bicultural Methodist youth has been the third area of work - with Seminars and resources happening. Youth are discovering the pain and excitement of this journey.

Job-Sharing

This is a significant part of the Youth Directors position and has provided many advantages along with the possible dangers. It has allowed -

- * Team/shared leadership (not the one person model)
- * Increased creativity and working capacity (2 people triple that of 1.)
- * Us to work from two centres covering more of the country

- * Female-male team work, modelling non-sexist leadership and being able to work with young women and men separately.

On the other hand, there is the constant danger of working over the part-time hours. The most painful part has been the sexism we have to compete against. That is, assumptions like - "the male is the most expert."

The learnings have been many. We commend the Education Board and the staff team for trying the job-sharing venture and challenge the Church to try it in other areas of Church life.

A Bit Of Our Vision

The Methodist Youth Movement has a vision of a new way of being together which values our strengths and gifts as Maori, Pakeha, Samoan, Tongan, recognises and starts working through the pain of injustices that separates us, uses a sharing consensus model for business and worship times, and involves sharing our faith journeys as the community of God's people.

Methodist youth claim that we are part of the Church now - today and we are the Church of tomorrow. We seek to offer our gifts as youth to the Church of energy, enthusiasm, critical questions, doubts and challenges. We seek to discover the gifts of older people who have journeyed longer, and have heaps more experience.

We hope that together in the gifts we offer, and the challenges we bring to each other, that we will be doing the changing for a juster and more loving community of God's Methodist people,

Kiaora e nga iwi.

Bronwen Olds and David Hanna

2. JOINT METHODIST/PRESBYTERIAN STEWARDSHIP SECTION

WORSHIPPING GOD WITH MORE THAN OUR DOLLARS

The challenge of Stewardship in our age is exciting and demanding.

By casting aside preconceived notions and looking afresh at the term, new visions can unfold and a new depth of understanding is reached, which can have a profound impact upon one's life and commitment to the Church of Jesus Christ. But this will not happen until, and unless, we take some good, positive, purposeful, steps.

The Joint Stewardship Section, through the various avenues of its work, is attempting to broaden and expand the understanding of the term stewardship by affirming our churches involvement in regular, proportionate, and

loving giving; by challenging the local parish to a more positive understanding of the total mission of the church as undertaken by Assembly and Connexional budgets. These things are steps towards committed discipleship as we know it in Christ, and particularly to the place committed, disciplined, sharing of our assets has in the total mission of the Church.

Levels of Giving

In the 1983 Calendar year, the level of giving increased to an average of \$5.61 for each giving unit, from a comparable \$5.07 in 1982 and \$4.53 in 1981, as measured by our Planned Giving Programmes.

The highest average giving for a parish was \$8.21 per giving unit, and one congregation therein recorded \$12.52.

However, in the first six months of 1984, \$8.59 per giving unit has been recorded in one parish and 81% of the roll pledging has been achieved in another in the past year.

	Average Pledge p.w. per giving unit	% Increase in weekly giving	% Roll Pledged
All programmes	\$5.61	75%	56%
Methodist	\$6.68	51%	75%
Presbyterian	\$5.96	80%	55%
Union/Co.op	\$4.20	87%	51%
Anglican	\$5.20	23%	53%

Other measurements drawn from 1983 programme results show:

1. The number of givers committing themselves to a disciplined, regular mode of giving increased by 40%.
2. The percentage of the rolls pledging increased by 51%.
3. In total giving increased by \$609,336 in that year.

The weekly giving figures stated are actual overall programme averages which covers a range reaching up to \$100 each week. The results also average out the contribution of new givers at around \$3.77 a week compared with established givers whose increased average is now ranging \$8-\$10 each week.

The ideal is for a parish to fund its ordinary basic day to day operating costs entirely from regular giving. This allows the energy expended on treadmill fundraising exercises to be deployed to better advantage elsewhere in the parish or to enable these special funding events for mission extending purposes.

SEMINARS

The Seminars, which have proved to be useful, are being continued by popular demand. A new series, intended to cover the whole country within a two year period, commenced in July. The thrust is to enliven an awareness to the warning signs and to provide the means, equipment, material, and management expertise, to enable parishes to lift and maintain the levels of giving, essential to the support, enhancement, and extension of the mission of the Church.

RESOURCE MATERIALS

During the year these resources have been prepared and will initially be distributed through the Seminars and to parishes following the completion of a Planned Giving Programme.

"Watch for the Warning Signs"

"Cash and Carry On" - (dealing with the preparation of cash flow forecasts)

"After the Offering"

"14 Ways (to increase giving in your parish)

"Tell Me the Story Simply" (How to tell your officebearers the good, or otherwise, financial news)

In course of preparation

"Rich Christians in a Poor World" and

"Strengthening the Congregation's Stewardship"

A "Parish Stewardship Resources Materials" folder has been prepared, and this will also initially be distributed through the Seminars, and from 1984 onward to parishes at the conclusion of a programme.

Commencing in 1985, an annual updating Kit will be given to all parishes where programmes have been directed by the Section from 1983 on.

Articles on the broader dimensions and deeper issues of Stewardship appear periodically in the "Outlook" and "Focus".

STAFF

During the year Mrs. Anne Saunders of Hamilton and Mr. Herbert Buckingham of Geraldine were both appointed as Programme Directors.

PROGRAMMES

In the 1983 Calendar year 29 Planned Giving Programmes were directed by the Section, 4 Methodist, 18 Presbyterian, 2 Union, 3 Co.operating and 2 Anglican.

The level of enquiry and demand for Consultative work continues at a high level, some 60 parishes requesting visits in the 1983 year.

JOINT ADVISORY GROUP

The personnel of the Joint Advisory Group remains unchanged. The Rev. Lester Reid is the current Chairperson.

WORSHIPPING GOD WITH MORE THAN OUR DOLLARS

It is often said that Stewardship is an outdated term, is a dirty word, and a new name is required. Many have only a stereotyped misunderstanding or a vague idea of what it really means.

There are others who say that Stewardship can't be mentioned without saying money, and it all sounds like some subversive plot to fund the church's coffers.

For others it is a spiritual word which means money.

The Gospel does challenge us to consider the use of a secular item like money as a matter of high spiritual responsibility. We can talk naturally about dollars in the christian context as relating faith to practical ways. If not it affirms a separation between faith and life - there are many who wish to talk more about the practical issues of their faith, and money is one of these.

We need to reflect on God's leadership in our lives and what it really means to be a steward of the resources which He has placed in our care - it is the key to purposeful and joy filled lives. It is part of our discipleship, proof that our faith is real, that God is alive in us, applying the principles of the Kingdom to common life-living by the things you know.

Our role is to personalise the Christian Faith - we do not always affirm the faith, too often it is underestimated, down graded, watered down.

Christianity is a distinct life style. The Church exists to translate the ideas and ideals of christianity into specific action.

God outlines the challenges of opportunity, the way in which we respond is the measure of our Stewardship. Stewardship is the grateful, obedient, response of Christian people, to God's redeeming love. A Steward by any other name is still a Steward.

Our focus must be on vision, mission, discipleship, commitment. The resources that are placed at our disposal are the practical means with which we action the high calling of doing the will of God.

LET'S GO !

WALTER SCOTT

3. STAFF

We are thrilled that Frank Hanson has been elected President of the Methodist Church, and will begin his Presidential year at this Conference. The Division wishes Frank well, and assures him of its support during this year. As part of his preparation, Frank took long-service leave from May to June. He and Nola travelled to Britain and Europe, taking time for relaxation and renewal before the responsibilities of the coming year. The Board has undertaken a review of his position as Executive Director and an Appendix is attached recommending an extension of his term of appointment.

After some ill-health, Cliff Couch was able to take up his part-time position in the office earlier than anticipated. We appreciate Cliff's experience, and his involvement enabled activities to be continued during Frank's absence. Cliff's value will also be evident during Frank's Presidential year.

Bronwen Olds and David Hanna began as Youth Directors in February. They have already visited many parts of the country, and have worked in a variety of ways with youth and groups. Bronwen and David are job-sharing, which they and the Division regard as a significant contribution to modelling different ways of working. This means that together they share one job, working out together the most effective ways of using their respective skills and time. We must not expect both of them to be available all the time. But we can expect to gain a lot through the exploration of Bronwen and David into this way of working.

4. FINANCE

Over the years the Division has quite properly operated at a break-even position financially. In recent times, however, restricted margins, depreciating currency and inflation have all played a part in causing our trading arm particularly, not only to suffer considerable losses, but also with the transfer of Epworth Auckland, to incur serious liquidity problems through the higher level of stock required. The Division accounts for an annual cash flow of some \$770,000, approximately 70% of which is generated by the Bookshops. To service this adequately, working capital, principally in the form of funding for stock, of \$100,000 is required.

With all its operating reserves extinguished the Board, during the year raised a mortgage of \$60,000 and sought the balance through the Connexional Finance and Stewardship Committee. Whilst expressing the understanding of the Board's predicament, the Committee was only able to grant \$12,445 towards the past operating losses, being a part-repayment of some of the loss of the Joint Steward-

ship Section, together with \$9,000 representing half the shortfall on Epworth Auckland for 1983-84. It proposed, in addition, that the Board approach selected Trusts seeking either a grant or long term advance and this course of action is now being undertaken as a matter of urgency.

The Board commends the way in which its Staff have dealt with this very difficult year. We now look to the whole Church to support us in maintaining and developing the supply of christian literature which are important ingredients in its mission.

On behalf of the Board

Ann Thomas
Chairperson

Frank Hanson
Executive Director

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Reports be received.
2. That the Rev. Frank Hanson be designated for re-appointment as Executive Director for a further term of up to three years following the conclusion of his current term in January 1986.
3. That the membership of the Board be:
Rev's R.S. Andrews, D. Arrowsmith, M. Curulala, M.W. Greer, E.F.I. Hanson, E. Little, S. Mapusua, L. Reid, A.T.S. Saleupolu, Dr. J.B. Salmon, K. J. Taylor, A. Thomas. R.W. Widdup; Messrs M.L. Clark, C.H. Couch, A. Dine, D. Hanna, R.G. Jones, D.R. Patchett, W.J.F. Scott, Mesdames B. Halliwell, G. Thompson, J. Watson, Ms S. Laurenson, B. Olds.

APPENDIX

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPOINTMENT FURTHER DESIGNATION

At its March 1984 meeting, the Board of the Education Division reviewed the appointment of Rev. Frank Hanson as Executive Director after a Report from its Review Committee.

During his term as Executive Director, Rev. Frank Hanson has played a considerable role in the consolidation of the work of the Education Division.

The skills and insights which he has gained during this time are invaluable in the continuing work of the Education Division. These contributions will be greatly enhanced by the experience which Frank will gain during his Presidential Year in 1985.

The Board feels that it is essential to retain the continuity of the Executive Director in the immediate future. The Board of the Education Division are strong in their support, and warm in their affirmation of Rev. Frank Hanson as Executive Director of the Education Division.

In the discussions on the appointment with the Review Committee the Staff of the Education Division wanted some expression of the relationship which exists between the Staff conveyed.

The Staff sees itself as a team, and the team spirit is encouraged and supported by its Executive Director. The Staff members affirm their confidence in Rev. Frank Hanson as Executive Director, and look forward to his re-appointment.

The following recommendation was passed unanimously by the Board, and also by the General Purposes Committee Meeting in May:

"That Rev. Frank Hanson be reappointed as Executive Director of the Education Division for a further term of up to three years following the conclusion of his current term in January 1986".

Ann Thomas
Chairperson
Methodist Education Division Board

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT TO CONFERENCE

The twelve months to 31 March 1984 have proved successful for the Methodist Trust Association.

INCREASED CONNEXIONAL & LOCAL CHURCH SUPPORT

Total funds entrusted to the Methodist Trust Association Group grew by over 33% during the twelve months to total \$17,627,184 as at 31 March 1984.

The greatest level of support continues to flow from the local Parish level where the benefits of the Church-based and managed Fund for the stewardship of funds available to the Parish have been readily accepted.

FUNDS HELD BY THE METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION

	31/3/84	31/3/83
S.T.A. under 1 year	2,779,816	3,554,578
S.T.B. 1-2 years	1,686,211	1,238,797
L.T.C. 2-5 years	4,152,608	2,731,907
L.T.D. over 5 years & perpetual	<u>5,182,608</u>	<u>3,860,433</u>
Total	13,801,243	11,385,715
Other Deposits	<u>3,825,941</u>	<u>1,823,000</u>
Total Funds	<u>\$17,627,184</u>	<u>\$13,208,715</u>

ONGOING CO-OPERATIVE VENTURE

The Methodist Trust Association is entrusted with a large amount of the Church's funds and strives to ensure that these funds are invested securely within the aims, objectives and criteria of the Church.

The Association does not own any of the funds itself but functions as a Trustee or Manager for the funds placed with it.

Accordingly the Association is constantly aware that an adequate level of return is necessary on these funds to enable them to derive sufficient income for the life, work and mission of the Church.

SUSTAINED DISTRIBUTION LEVELS

In the report for the year to 31 March 1983 mention was made of the expected reduction in distribution levels following Government moves to reduce interest rates throughout the economy. This has occurred and as the distribution rates provided by the Association are determined by the factors affecting the market generally, the distribution levels for the year reflect the movement of interest rates over the twelve month period up to March 1984. The amount of income generated for the life of the Church, however, has remained virtually constant.

CAPITAL ACCRETION

Two properties were revalued in the year to 31 March 1984. Independent Registered Valuations set the new values at \$512,000, an increase of over \$150,000 during the three year period. Capital accretion for the year to 31 March 1984 totalling \$168,297 was spread amongst the

long term depositors.

For the twelve months to the 31 March 1984 total funds available to the life, work and mission of the Church from the Methodist Trust Association by distribution payments, interest paid to Church organisations and local Churches and capital accretions totalled \$1,800,735.

The Association's continued investment in property means that the level and importance of capital accretion will continue to grow.

PROPERTY INVESTMENTS

As at 31 March 1984 the Association owns twelve income-producing properties with two further properties in the course of construction.

Notable transactions during the year included: the transfer of the Probert Trust's property in the Great North Road, Newton, to the Methodist Trust Association (with the investment of the Probert Trust's equity in the property as a long term deposit with the Association with the income for the benefit of Theological education) and the commencement of a six storey office building on the property formerly owned by the Cambridge Terrace Trust in Christchurch. This attractive property is due to be completed in May 1985.

Two further investment properties were purchased during the year and they have assisted the Association in maintaining a good geographic spread of properties and a proper mix of properties with different uses and values.

In September 1983 the Association recommended to depositors in the short term funds that they should consider transferring their deposits into the long term funds of the Association. The continued investment in property and the drop in interest rates experienced will continue to make investment in the long term funds with steady distribution levels and benefit of capital accretion attractive.

FIXED INTEREST INVESTMENTS

The "money market" remained subject to quite stringent Government controls for the majority of the year to March 1984. Interest rates dropped to their lowest level for several years and maturing deposits and debentures were unable to be reinvested at rates approaching those previously obtained. The opportunity was taken to direct further funds to real estate investment where levels of return were similar with the expected added benefit of capital accretion.

The relaxation of Government controls since July 1984 and the upward movement of interest rates suggests that future distribution payments will be at higher levels. The Association maintains a high level of short term investments to meet expected demands for repayments from depositors.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The year has seen two changes in the life of the Board. Firstly, Mr John Fraser succeeded Mr Geoff Peak as Chairman of the Board. Mr Peak remains a member of the Board and his work and leadership as Chairman since the formation of the Trust Association is acknowledged with thanks and gratitude.

The second change was the retirement of Dr Dennis Janus as Executive Officer of the Association and Investment Board from the 31 January 1984. Dr Janus was the guiding light and force behind (amongst other matters) the Methodist Trust Association. Conference 1983 recorded its appreciation for his work and these sentiments are echoed and endorsed by and on behalf of the Methodist Trust Association. Dennis and Laura are wished all God's blessings during their retirement.

Appointed to the Board during the year were Messrs Piripi Rakena, appointed by the 1983 Conference, and Greg Wright who has been appointed Executive Officer of the Association.

R.J. Fraser, Chairman
A.K. Woodley, Secretary
G.D. Wright, Executive Officer.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.
3. That the Board of the Methodist Trust Association for 1985 be the members of the Investment Board.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND INVESTMENT BOARD

ANNUAL REPORT

The Investment Board has considered a number of wide ranging matters involving commercial projects and proposals during the year.

Its principal task, however, has revolved around the redevelopment of the former Trinity College property in Grafton, which is now known as Grafton Heights. The Board explored the question of the sale of the property and recommended to the Council of the Theological College that the property should be retained by the Church.

The Board has considered the possible uses for the property, the Town Planning restrictions and the need for physical upgrading and strengthening to satisfy present seismic requirements. With the property being retained (within the life of the Church) it is essential that it be developed as an economically viable unit to provide funds towards the continuation and promotion of theological education.

The Board was also asked to investigate the Church's position with regard to Land Tax and discussions are continuing with the Department of Inland Revenue on this issue.

Property purchases were also referred to the Board, including the major redevelopment project of the Methodist Trust Association on land formerly owned by the Christchurch Central Mission in Cambridge Terrace, Christchurch. Property purchases considered by the Investment Board included properties in New Plymouth, Auckland and an investigation was also carried out into possible redevelopments of church properties in Dunedin and Hamilton.

The Investment Board remains available to all church bodies seeking assistance or guidance on any matters financial or legal or otherwise relating to investment.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the members of the Investment Board be:

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST BOARD

ANNUAL REPORT

The twelve months to 31st March 1984 have been a time of consolidation for the Trust.

QUEEN STREET SHOPS

The major upgrading programme for the Queen Street shops was completed and the shops are all fully let. The shops, together with the area surrounding them, are much improved and this has been matched by an improved standard of presentation in tenants' window displays and appeal generally.

The upgrading work carried out by the Trust has assisted in the improved environment of the Upper Queen Street area.

HAMES HOUSE

IBM relinquished the last of their space in the property during the year. The basement area has been developed to an acceptable office standard and now houses the Auckland Archive and the Board of Administration's Auckland offices. Extensive alterations have been completed on the ground and first floors to provide upgraded accommodation for two of the Trust's tenants with consequent increases in rentals.

CARPARKS

The main carpark areas are leased to the operators of the Sheraton Hotel. The management of the parking areas is progressing satisfactorily and the carparks are a source of substantial revenue for the Trust.

RENT FREEZE REGULATIONS

The rental from the Queen Street shops, and to a lesser extent, Hames House, have been substantially affected by the Rent Freeze Regulations. Very significant rental reviews have been completed and agreement reached with tenants but the new rentals are unable to be charged until the expiry of the Rent Freeze Regulations on 1st April 1985.

GRANTS

The Trust has continued its grant to the life of the Methodist Church for educational purposes of \$45,000 p.a. This continues to be distributed by the Finance and Stewardship Committee. The Trust has been able to provide these annual grants because of the efforts of earlier Trustees and supporters. It is likely that a major redevelopment of the Trust's property will need to be undertaken in the next few years. Such development will involve very substantial funding in order to provide income for the educational purposes of the Church. The wide involvement of Church members and groups will be invited when such a development takes place.

PERSONNEL

During the year the Rev. E.F.I. Hanson and Dr D.J. Janus retired as Trustees of the Trust and Messrs P.D. Rakena and G.D. Wright have been appointed. Having served for the formative term as Chairman of the Methodist Trust Association and lately the Prince Albert College Trust, Mr G.H. Peak, has relinquished chairmanship of the Trust but continues to serve as a member of the Trust Board. Mr R.J. Fraser was appointed Chairman of the Trust and brings his own insights and abilities to the task.

The position of Treasurer of the Trust remains vacant following Dr Janus' retirement as Finance Manager of the Methodist Church. Mr Wright is undertaking the responsibilities of Executive Officer of the Prince Albert College Trust Board.

R.J. Fraser, Chairman
A.K. Woodley, Secretary
G.D. Wright, Executive Officer.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.

ANNUAL REPORT GREY INSTITUTE TRUST

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1984

It was with a great deal of sadness that members of our Trust heard of the death of Max Burn. Max was Secretary of the Trust for 13 years and during that time had built up a tremendous knowledge and "feel" for the Trust and its purposes. He was held in very high regard by all members of the Trust and as we grapple with some of the problems of the future his guiding hand will be sadly missed.

During the year the Trust has carried out a considerable amount of maintenance on the old Mission House and Church. The condition of these had deteriorated quite quickly and they have now been brought back to a good standard. One person has been made responsible for property supervision and he now inspects all properties on a regular basis and arranges for necessary maintenance to be undertaken. The result of this is that other properties controlled by us have also had arrears of maintenance caught up and we hope that the standard of the properties will continue to be improved. Maintenance is however a very expensive business and we have not been able to recoup the increased costs of maintenance being undertaken because of the Rent Regulations. Rents on these properties will however have to be increased after the freeze finishes as they were set quite some time ago and are very much below the current market levels.

During the year further talks have taken place with representatives of the Taranaki Maori Circuit as well as members of the local Hapu who are the descendants of the original owners of the land. These talks have not at the stage of writing this report led to a proposal for Conference although the discussions held have led to a better understanding of each other's point of view. There has been considerable dissatisfaction expressed at the decision of last Conference to transfer the disbursement of income from the Trust to the Maori Division. Many local people believe that with the decision-making being further removed from the district the interests for whom the Trust was originally formed, will become of less importance. This appears to be the major reason that has prevented better progress being made in talks with the local Maori community on use of the Trust land and freeholding.

During the year 9 new trustees were appointed to fill the vacancies which have arisen over recent years. As a result of this there are now 17 trustees, 14 of whom are Maori. This has continued the pattern started some years ago and has now reached the point where effectively the Trust which was set up for the benefit of the Maori people is now controlled by Maori people which is most appropriate.

Conference places on record its appreciation of the devoted, loyal and caring service of Max Burn to the Church through the work of the Grey Institute Trust.

As we have no major proposals to put forward this year we conclude by recommending that:

1. That this Report be received and approved.

KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE

In January 1984 Mr and Mrs Thoms transferred the lease to John Stuart McDougall's Company and he is now the lessee. The trustees have inspected the property and Mr McDougall is renewing fences, shifting fences and catching up with some maintenance work on the farm that had been deferred by the previous lessee.

The property is in good heart and the new lessee impresses as being able to continue the high standard of farming on the property. The lessee is interested in purchasing the property and has approached the trustees about this. However, the ability to be able to purchase the property will not be realised until 1988 when the rental gets reviewed. In the long-term the trustees consider that the property should be sold and to this end have approached the Maori Division for an indication in principle to see if there is any objection on their part. They have none. When the lessee is ready to make an offer to purchase then the matter will be taken up through the appropriate church courts.

Since the Conference decision of 1973 the Trust has set aside \$68,300 in a Maori Boys' Hostel Reserve Fund. Continuing discussions have still not brought finality as to the future of the reserve funds and the use of the income. The Trust continues to wait with hope but it looks as though it will be some years yet before this can be resolved. In the meantime the Trust continues to provide limited support to Rangiatea Maori College Trust and the Maori Division but the balance of the income is being accumulated.

L.J. Gibson (Chairman)
A.R. Wallis (Secretary)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Report be received.

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST
CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1984

The Board suffered a slight loss of income in the year due to reduced returns received from the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association. However, the Board has continued to be able to assist a wide range of beneficiaries:

Education Division - Director Youth Ministry	\$10,000.00
Masterton Christian Child Care Committee	\$ 7,634.99
Inner City Ministry- Work with 'Street Kids'	\$ 6,000.00
Poneke Maori Circuit- Youth Leadership Training	\$ 5,000.00
Wesley Methodist Youth Worker Project	\$ 5,000.00
Porirua Methodist Circuit	\$ 3,500.00
Manawatu Methodist Social Service Centre	\$ 3,000.00
Upper Hutt Family Care Centre	\$ 3,000.00
Porirua Family Care Worker Project	\$ 628.61

The Board has considered the proposal submitted to last Conference concerning the establishment of a National Superannuitants' Scholarship Trust. However, it soon became apparent that Board members have neither the necessary infra-structure or expertise to handle the major issues involved in the proposal, and endeavours to interest other church boards/trusts in furthering the project have been unsuccessful.

The membership of the Board is Revs. E.F.I. Hanson (Chairman), M.E. Burnett, H.P. Hauraki, K.J. Taylor, Dr. O.F. Prior, Miss E.F. Brodie, Messrs. W.L. Churchill, J.F. Cody, L.E.M. Grace, H.W. Kelly, E.H. Russell (Secretary/Treasurer) and B.D. Smith.

E.F.I. Hanson
Chairman

E.H. Russell
Secretary/Treasurer

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Report be received.

METHODIST PROVIDENT SOCIETY LIMITED

ANNUAL REPORT TO CONFERENCE

The Methodist Provident Society is pleased to report a surplus available to Conference for distribution, to comment upon its activities for the year and to present the Chairman's Report to members.

The year to the 31 March 1984 was the fifth complete year of operations for the Society. Total membership stood at 471 which was a slight increase over the March 1983 figure.

The funds in the ordinary monthly accounts with the Society have not altered greatly from the previous year although the interest free deposits have shown a reasonable percentage growth.

The Society is convinced that the regular depositings of funds in these monthly accounts will provide the Church with considerable income to enable it to respond to changing needs and aspirations within the community whilst retaining for depositors ready access to their money and providing a good return on the funds deposited.

Efforts to obtain new members and to upgrade present levels of deposits continue, and the support of all Church members is sought.

Substantial growth was recorded in the Nominated Trust Advances Deposits whereby funds are deposited for on-lending to specific local Church projects. The type and range of projects the Society has helped in this way is increasing and detailed reference is made in the Chairman's Annual Report.

The Development Deposits facility has shown considerable growth during the year. A large proportion of this growth relates to a re-financing arrangement carried out by the Dunedin Regional Mission in respect of their property in the Octagon, Dunedin.

Assistance was also provided through other deposits for the Lychgate Centre recently completed in Wellington by the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association.

The amount available to Conference from the operation of the Society is less this year than in March 1983. This has largely been caused by a significant drop in interest rates prevailing during the year to March 1984. In its five years of operations the Society has made available to Conference over \$28,800 for the wider work of the Church.

The Annual General Meeting of the Methodist Provident Society discussed recommendations to be made to Conference for the allocation of this year's surplus of \$7,049. The Society recommends that the funds be allocated:

- (i) That in order to again recognise assistance given to the Society by Parishes each Synod be granted \$250 to be used within its District for the promotion and furtherance of Youth Ministries.
- (ii) That in order to recognise the ongoing discussions in reflections on the role of women in the Methodist Church a grant of \$500 be made towards the cost of Women and Ministry Conference.
- (iii) That a grant of \$1,275 be made to the New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship to assist in the funding of the writing of the history of the womens' groups in the Methodist Church of New Zealand - this being part of the Women's Fellowship

- Special Objective 1984-85 dealing with the Bi-cultural Church.
- (iv) That a grant of \$1,262 be made to each of
- the Community of Women and Men in Church and Society to assist in the funding of Mrs June Gibson's ministry to the spouses of Presbyters and Deacons within the Connexion.
 - the Maori Division to assist in the funding of the cost of employing an Education Resource person.

The Society has recently published a further series of promotional leaflets and posters. The Society asks that you look for these in your local Church and consider the benefits available through membership of the Methodist Provident Society - benefits both for yourself and for the Methodist Church.

G.E. Hill - Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBERS 31 MARCH 1984

As Chairman of the Methodist Provident Society it is my pleasure to present this, the Fifth Annual Report to Members.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership numbers have continued to grow albeit only slowly. Members as at 31 March 1984 totalled 471, an increase of 22 over the 1983 figure.

In the light of Conference request for increased support, the increase in membership could be considered disappointing. This is especially so in view of the benefits the Methodist Provident Society can offer to the life and mission of the Church whilst still maintaining a satisfactory level of return to Church members.

The greatest level of growth in members has occurred through members investing in Development Deposits, and without this support total membership would have declined.

Whilst membership remains fairly static, total funds with the Society increased substantially. The main growth in funds deposited was in Development Deposits. The amount invested in Presbyters Car Replacement Accounts has shown a pleasing increase.

MEMBERS DEPOSITS

	31/3/84	31/3/83	Increase (Decrease)	% increase
Ordinary Interest Bearing A/c	103,886	104,923	(1,037)	
Car Replacement Account	25,783	15,905	9,878	62
Nominated Trust Advances at interest A/c	85,328	49,967	35,361	71
Ordinary Interest free a/c	22,211	17,528	4,683	27
Nominated Trust Advances interest free a/c	132,150	154,800	(22,650)	
Development Deposits	<u>279,203</u>	<u>136,908</u>	<u>142,295</u>	104
	<u>648,561</u>	<u>480,031</u>	<u>168,530</u>	35

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The Annual Accounts to 31/3/1984 show a substantial increase in total income for the twelve months at \$67,975. Operating costs increased but the ratio of cost to total income has been reduced. The amount of interest paid to depositors increased substantially reflecting Members greater investment in Development Deposits.

Interest paid to Members increased as a percentage of the income earned by the Society from 52% in 1983 to 78% this year. The increase has been brought about by two factors; firstly a substantial drop in the interest rates received by the Society and secondly, the shift in the emphasis of deposits from ordinary accounts to Development Deposits.

Development costs of computerisation have been a little higher this year but the major work is now completed and the Society has a capacity to handle increased membership and deposits with consequent economy of scale.

SURPLUS

The substantial increase in costs of funds lodged with the Society has had the effect of minimising the surplus available from the Society's operations this year. A total of \$5,352 is available from this year's operations, a substantial drop from the surplus available last year.

The Society will only be able to maintain its level of contributions to the Church if its support continues to grow within the life of the Church.

INTEREST DONATED BY MEMBERS

The funds lodged with the Society in the ordinary interest free account (1984 \$22,211) provide a double benefit to the Society as the interest that would otherwise be credited on these funds is paid instead directly to the benefit of the funds available to Conference. This year \$1,198 was received from these deposits and these members are particularly thanked.

DONATIONS

During the year a donation of \$1,000 was received by the Society to be used to assist the capital cost of the Auckland Archive. The amount paid to the Archive, therefore, totalled \$8,500 including the grant from the Society to the 31 March 1983. On behalf of the Society and the Church, I express appreciation for this generous donation.

FUNDS TO CONFERENCE

Over the last two years the Society has not allocated all its surplus income and \$6,500 has been carried forward in the Appropriation Account. With the funds available this year of \$5,549, there is a total of \$12,049 available this year. To preserve a balance for future operations, it is recommended that the \$7,049 be made available to Conference 1984 for distribution.

DISTRIBUTION RECOMMENDATIONS

Last year the Society made several recommendations to Conference

on the distribution of the funds available. Conference agreed with the recommendations and the funds were distributed accordingly. One of the recommendations was that a grant of \$250 be made to each District to be paid to a Parish within each District for the purchase of copies of "With One Voice" or some other innovative project. These grants were very well received and a further series of grants directed towards Youth Ministry activities within each District commends itself this year.

The role of women within the Church is receiving considerable attention at this time, and a grant towards the cost of the Women and Ministry Conference would be appropriate.

A grant of \$1,000 towards activities of the Methodist Women's Fellowship is also recommended. It is intended that a specific recommendation be brought to the Annual General Meeting.

BENEFITS TO THE CHURCH

In my Report last year I referred at some length to the benefits available to the Church from the activities of the Methodist Provident Society. The benefits remain as valid and as important now. The Society can only provide increasing assistance to areas within the Church as its own acceptance and support grows.

Two particular areas deserve highlighting this year.

Firstly, Development Deposits. This facility enables Provident Society members to lodge funds for periods in excess of two years at competitive rates of interest. The funds generally are used to develop the Church's income producing property and so enable full income potential to be realised for the benefit of the Church, e.g. the Probert redevelopment and Lychgate Centre in the Wellington South Parish. The Development Deposit facility was recently used by the Dunedin Central Mission in the refinancing of their Octogan property with considerable success.

RESULT



LYCHGATE CENTRE

Secondly, benefit lies with the Nominated Trust Advance facilities providing oversight of loans from Church members to fund local projects.

The Nominated Trust Advance facilities have enabled loans for church buildings, parsonage renewals and repairs, provision of refugee housing and provision for an income earning endowment fund. The variety of activities able to be pursued by local congregations through Nominated Trust Advances is almost unlimited. Recipe: Just take initiative and add imagination. To date 40 Congregations are participating.



DR D.J. JANUS

Dr Dennis Janus retired as Finance Manager of the Methodist Church and as Executive Officer of the Society on the 31 January 1984. The Society is indebted to Dr Janus for his foresight and initiative in the formation of the Provident Society and, in particular, to his work with the Securities Commission.

INSURANCE

I would like to remind members that a new Agency arrangement has been completed with AMP Fire & General Insurance Company offering competitive rates and covers together with a credit of a portion of the Company premium paid into the member's Methodist Provident Society Account.

Details of the arrangement are available from the Society's Offices and I recommend that you give consideration of the advantages open to you as a Provident Society member in this regard.

CONCLUSION

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all Provident Society Members for their continued support. The Society needs an expanding base of supporters to enable it to play its role in the on going life and mission of the Methodist Church through the 1980's and beyond. I commend the Methodist Provident Society to you and ask that you promote membership of the Society in your local Church.

G.E. Hill,
Chairman.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Reports be received.
2. That the surplus of \$7,049 be allocated:
 - (i) That in order to again recognise assistance given to the Society by Parishes each Synod be granted \$250 to be used within its District for the promotion and furtherance of Youth Ministries.
 - (ii) That in order to recognise the ongoing discussions in reflections on the role of women in the Methodist Church a grant of \$500 be made towards the cost of Women and Ministry

Conference.

- (iii) That a grant of \$1,275 be made to the New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship to assist in the funding of the writing of the history of the womens' groups in the Methodist Church of New Zealand - this being part of the Women's Fellowship Special Objective 1984-85 dealing with the Bi-cultural Church.
- (iv) That a grant of \$1,262 be made to each of
 - (a) the Community of Women and Men in Church and Society to assist in the funding of Mrs June Gibson's ministry to the spouses of Presbyters and Deacons within the Connexion.
 - (b) the Maori Division to assist in the funding of the cost of employing an Education Resource person.

COMMUNITY OF WOMEN AND MEN IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY REPORT.

1. THE WORKING OF THE COMMUNITY

Conference 1983, in receiving information about the representation of women, ethnic groups and youth on Standing Committees, requested that all Boards and Committees examine

- (i) the timing of meetings
 - (ii) the style of meetings
 - and (iii) the place of meetings
- with a view to more equitable representation.

We have endeavoured again this year to realise more of the potential of a true community of women and men within our own group working. This has involved much time in sharing, moments of conflict and greater personal growth.

Our functioning as a working community was observed by an invited monitor, Anne Maclean, in late 1983. As a result of her suggestions, and our subsequent discussion, we varied the times of meetings, we moved them to homes where we could sit in a less formal pattern and we shared meals together on some occasions. We also agreed that

- (i) the emphasis of our activity should be shifted so that 80 per cent of our time and effort would be spent on activities and work projects and no more than 20 per cent of our time would be spent preparing reports for Synods and Conference, and

- (ii) we should explore ways of supporting group activities in local congregations.

We began our work in 1984 with a planning day with the men and the women sharing their feelings on roles and expectations; points of anger and hope; understandings of Church Structures and their effects on the people within them. We resolved to continue to work together as women and men in community. As part of this process we have added two younger members, shared in the wider involvement of members in Ecumenical Groups, Methodist Women's Fellowship, the Bi-cultural Church and the Christian Conference of Asia Women's Committee.

We have been strengthened by Elizabeth Peach being appointed to do pastoral work in the Methodist Church in Austria; by papers and letters from our Corresponding members; by dialogue with those whose concerns have been our work, i.e. Married Partners of Clergy and Women on Methodist Committees.

We are conscious that the tasks of building communities of women and men who work together are the concern of all working groups in the church and we invite Synods and Parishes to comment on our attempts at evaluation and to reflect on their own style of working.

2. SUPPORT FOR MEN AND WOMEN ON COMMITTEES

The Community is engaged in correspondence and discussions with women who hold positions on Methodist Committees and Boards and is attempting to work out the most appropriate forms of encouragement and support. The intention is to create more effective partnerships of women and men working together, and the ultimate goal is to increase the vision, the sensitivity and the effectiveness of each Committee. We encourage men as well as women to write to us and share their insights into ways in which this can be achieved.

3. REPORT ON THE SITUATION AND NEEDS OF THE MARRIED PARTNERS OF METHODIST MINISTERS

The questionnaire sent out by Rona Collins in 1983 has enabled us to identify the concerns of the women and men who are married to Methodist Ministers. The information has been collated and two small working groups, drawn from married partners themselves, have helped our Community to evaluate the material and prepare a report. The study reveals very high levels of dedication and emotional self reliance. It documents some of the changes which are taking place in expectations about the nature of Ministry, the role of the Married Partner of the Minister and the role of each partner within the marriage relationship. It also identifies a number of areas in which the Church can act as a more sensitive and supportive employer.

Some recommendations in the report have already been carried out - for example, the clarification of the place of married partners at Inductions and the preparation of a FOCUS newsitem on the working of the Stationing Committee. Other recommendations will go direct to District Superintendents and to Conference.

The Community has been asked to sponsor the candidature and ministry of a Self-Supporting Deacon with a ministry amongst ministers' spouses and families. It is with great confidence and joy that we sponsor such a ministry and commend this pioneering form of the diaconate to the Conference.

Findings of our survey indicate a clear need for this ministry and copies of the Survey Report will be available at Conference.

Lynne Wall,
Convener.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Conference endorses the concepts of a Self-Supporting Diaconal Ministry amongst married partners of presbyters and their families.
3. That Methodist Supernumerary Ministers and their Married Partners be invited to consider the formation of an Association. Such an Association would define its own goals, would develop its own style of working and might make its own contribution to Conference.
4. That Married Partners be invited by District Superintendents to contribute to the Profile of Presbyters intending to move under the appropriate headings.
5. That the Community membership for 1985 be:

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION - REPORT TO CONFERENCE

During the year the Board was asked to consider a number of major issues referred to it by Conference 1983. These have included Ministers' Retirement Housing, Vehicle Loan Finance through the Presbyters, Deacons & Lay Workers Loan Fund, and the Sector Ministries Fund. In each of these instances, following consultations, the Board prepared reports which were forwarded to Synods for response, and these in full have been made available to the Conference Committee of Detail. Full recommendations in relation to the Sector Ministries Fund are brought to Conference; work is continuing on the other important areas.

The Board also welcomed the opportunity to review in depth its work and organisation with members of the Review Committee as requested by Conference. The comprehensive report of the Committee has been received by the Board which will be giving careful consideration to its recommendations.

A. SUPERNUMERARY FUND

The Fund continues to be managed by the Board of Administration as Trustee under the provisions of the Revised Trust Deed.

As at 31 January 1984, there were 325 Members, an increase of 12, as follows:

	1984	1983
Contributing Members (Full)	183	184
Contributing Members (50%)	1	0
Supernumerary	95	88
Widows	46	41
The amount received from Members was	\$247,610.00	\$244,348.40
Employers	\$269,036.30	\$262,603.89
Subscriptions due	\$3,929.30	\$3,163.58
Subsidies	\$5,066.56	\$6,262.83
The amount paid as annuities and benefits was	\$247,963.11	\$185,191.71

The level of annuities was again increased by 8% for the year. The progressive increases show as follows:

31/1/80	\$71.40	
31/1/81	\$89.25	
31/1/82	\$111.58	
31/1/83	\$120.51	
31/1/84	\$130.15	
31/1/85	\$140.56	per year of contribution (Doubled in 6 years)

1. COMPLETION OF THE REVISION OF THE TRUST DEED AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS

The 1983 Conference authorised the Trustee to finalise the Trust Deed to meet the requirements of recent legislation and regulations. This has now been achieved and the Government Actuary approved the revised Trust Deed.

Copies of the Revised Deed are being printed and will be distributed to all Members of the Fund and to Parishes.

As part of the re-arrangements for the Supernumerary Fund Conference 1983 authorised Allied Funds formerly with the Fund to be transferred to other Funds with the Board of Administration. This has been completed and the 31st January 1984 accounts reflect these changes.

2. PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS

The twelve months to the 31st January 1984 have seen a reduction in the overall rates of interest available from most investment avenues.

The distribution rates received from the Methodist Trust Association have accordingly shown a small reduction but remain in line with current market return.

The provisions of the rent freeze regulations have had an effect on rental income as most of the Epworth Chambers rentals were due for review on the 1st August 1983. The rental rates that will apply from the end of the rent freeze period point to significant increases in the income produced from this property. All the Supernumerary Fund properties continue to be fully let and are in a satisfactory state of repair.

The Trustee in consultation with the Investment Board has undertaken a review of the Supernumerary Fund's investments. Generally, the investments are considered satisfactory and appropriate for the nature and size of the Supernumerary Fund. A wider geographic spread of properties is seen as desirable in the long term as opportunities permit. The Trustee has taken the view that all properties presently owned by the Supernumerary Fund would be available for disposal should a sale be considered to be in the best interests of the Fund. No such sale of any property is currently envisaged however.

Each property is due to be revalued during 1984 and a substantial increase in the capital value of the Fixed Assets holdings is expected.

Investments in the Methodist Trust Association appear as a reduced figure over the January 1983 account, but the deposits of the Allied Funds have been removed from within the investments of the Supernumerary Fund and are now invested separately in the name of each of the individual Funds.

Most deposits with the Methodist Trust Association are in the Long Term Fund and accordingly they share the increase in capital value of the Association's property investment. The distribution from capital accretion is expected to play an increasingly important part in the overall returns to the Supernumerary Fund. The Trustee and the Investment Board in their review of the Supernumerary Fund's investments were mindful that the investments in the Long Term Funds

of the Methodist Trust Association provide the Supernumerary Fund with a wider interest in real estate holdings than would appear from the four properties listed in the Balance Sheet.

3. EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NON-STIPENDIARY MINISTERS

After reporting to Conference both in 1982 and in 1983; and after writing directly to the Parishes involved, from 1st February 1984, a contribution of 2% of Standard Minimum Stipend was sought from employers of non-stipendiary ministers. This contribution is sought to assist in the provision of a death-in-service benefit; and long term sickness or disability benefit, and hardship, which may be made at the discretion of the Trustee to non-stipendiary ministers.

While the Board of Administration Division considered that adequate advice had been given prior to the implementing of requiring the contribution, a number of Parishes still appeared to be surprised when arrangements for its remittance came to them. However, the intention and purpose seems now generally understood and accepted. Awareness of this provision is necessary when non-stipendiary appointments are being negotiated.

4. DEATH IN SERVICE BENEFIT

A further benefit under this provision has now been made. While the need for it is always one of sorrow and loss it provides practical and needed assistance and evidences the mutuality and fellowship of the ministry and the family nature of the Church.

The Trustee has indicated willingness for a death in service benefit to be extended to include those training for the ministry.

5. IMPLICATION OF RECENT GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS

These have been carefully studied and any implications are under regular review. The wider implication of these changes may not be so restricted as first indicated and several options appear to be open and are being considered with the study of ministers retirement housing needs.

6. DIRECT CREDITING OF ANNUITIES

The response of annuitants to the proposal to pay annuities monthly (on 15th of month) has been prompt and positive and is expected to commence in November 1984.

7. DIRECT DEBITING FOR MEMBER AND EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

Direct Debiting is a new way of arranging money transfer, provided by the trading banks. The administration of the Supernumerary Fund can be greatly eased by using this means of transfer.

At the present time:

400 Automatic Payment Authorities (APs) have to be set up, or 400 APs have to be changed each time there is a change in stipend rate.

And each time this happens, it gives rise to innumerable letters and correspondence.

And each month, the Connexional Office has to physically key into the computer the 400 transactions from the members and employers.

THE PROPOSAL

- * Each Parish would authorise its Bank for this to happen "to accept debits to the account which are initiated by the Supernumerary Fund".
- * If a Parish desires a written undertaking that direct debiting would only be carried out as authorised by it, this would be gladly given.
- * On the 15th of each month the Fund would arrange - by way of its computer programme - for bank accounts to be debited for the monthly contributions to the Fund.
- * This transaction will show on bank statements as at present.
- * There would be no need for all the APs (and attendant correspondence!) after each change in Stipend. Changes to the amount of contribution would be advised in advance - these go with stipend changes.
- * As far as the Supernumerary Fund is concerned, any "exceptional payments" (that is, other than regular monthly subscription and subsidies) would be arranged by some method other than Direct Debiting.
- * Each month the Connexional Office would revise the computer master disc before it was run by the Bank to operate the Direct Debits.

Part of this same disc would be run by the Office, and in a few seconds would eliminate the hours and hours of keying that is presently required.
- * The facility of Direct Debiting also should save time and effort of local Parish Treasurers.
- * There will be no increase on present AP costs to the Parish.

RESPONSE OF SYNODS

While some hesitations were expressed and detailed information sought, the Synod responses are considered supportive of the proposal. The Trustee has advised Parishes of the proposal to ensure understanding, and adequate preparations.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The the Report be received.
2. That Conference authorises and encourages the use of direct debiting for personal and employer contributions to the Supernumerary fund with the aim of this method of contribution being effective from 15 February 1985.

B. LAY WORKERS' RETIRING FUND

At 31st January 1984 there were 23 Members of the Fund of whom 15 continued in the new financial year as contributors.

The Fund would welcome more contributors; those lay people who serve the Church in their employment including Administrators, Social Workers and nurses, office workers, permanent caretakers, etc. These people might well be offered membership through their employing agencies.

The Fund's Deed has been revised and subsequently approved by the Government Actuary on the 24th July 1984.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Report be received.

C. INSURANCE

The arrangements made in 1979 for insuring all Methodist property under the one Policy, administered by the Board, continues to prove effective in the life of the Church. With some very occasional exceptions it appears that all Church property is reasonably adequately insured. The working principle that the final responsibility for seeing to the insurance of property belongs with those bodies - Trusts, Committees and Groups - responsible for the administration and oversight of management and maintenance of property, means that the Insurance Fund may draw particular matters to attention, but it cannot operate except on the instruction of each property's responsible body. Hence there are still some properties which have not been deliberately reviewed as to sums insured for at least the past five years. The result is that their insurance cover may now be inadequate.

Because of the above working principle, the Fund can notify and remind, advise and encourage, but if, after numerous such efforts there is still no response forthcoming, those Trusts, Committees and Groups must bear the consequences in event of any loss. The Fund continues to proclaim "Afterwards is too late".

CLAIMS EXPERIENCE: In last year's Report it was stated that the Church suffers from the attitudes of society, just as much as any other organisation, in respect of vandalism and wanton damage. The situation continues. Of the over 130 claims for the year 16th May 1983 to 16th May 1984, 25 were directly associated with vandalism; and there were at least 40 break-ins. And in this year there were five quite large claims involving vehicle impact on buildings and/or fences.

The ordinary run of claims are often paid out the same day as they are received, and usually well within a week.

SERVICE: The administration of the Fund through the Connexional Office, and particularly claims, is sometimes frustrated by delays occasioned by the other agencies that the Fund is involved with.

Considerable staff time and effort is expended in seeking to obviate or overcome these delays; sometimes it takes considerable time and strenuous and continuous effort. It must be reported however, that overall, and from senior officers of the agencies involved, the Church through the Fund, receives prompt and effective attention.

We continue to value our association and relationship with our brokers: Bowring Burgess Marsh and McLennan, as much in the day-to-day consultation and advice, as in the major areas of negotiating annual renewal.

CLAIMS REPORTING: A proportion of Claims are being received much later than the thirty days provided in the Policy and notified on numerous past occasions in general mailings (e.g. with renewal notices in 1982). This is a normal requirement in any insurance, and failure to observe this requirement makes the settling of a claim more difficult especially when further investigation is required.

PREMIUMS: it is most pleasing to be able to report that at a time when costs are increasing, not least insurance costs (largely due to increases in claims), that at the time of negotiating renewal late in April, it was possible to achieve a reduction in the premium charged to the Fund, which was in turn passed on to the Parishes. The rate for the year 16th May 1983 to 16th May 1984 was \$0.1035 per \$100. The premium for this current year is reduced from \$0.095 per \$100. At the same time, the Government levies which are charged on the indemnity value, were reduced from \$0.085 per \$100 to \$0.070 per \$100. These reductions in premium enabled the sum insured to be increased to take account of recognised inflationary trends. This was often at a reduced cost in premium.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES: Where Church-owned properties are leased commercially, and the leases provide for the tenants to meet the cost of insurance, the Fund provides and charges a fair "Commercial" insurance rate. This is arranged in each case on the advice of our Brokers.

Parishes and Trusts, Missions and Boards with Commercial properties are asked when re-negotiating leases to include the provision for payment of insurance by tenants - this is in line with normal commercial practice.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Report be received.

D. PRESBYTERS, DEACONS & LAY WORKERS' LOAN FUND - MOTOR VEHICLE LOAN FINANCE

Conference 1983 resolved "That the Board of Administration bring to Synods and Conference 1984 proposals for enabling the Fund to effectively meet the needs of the ministry for loan finance for vehicles and similar purposes of the present Fund." (p.655)

The history of providing loan funds to ministers for cars is a chequered one. A satisfactory solution to the problem of how to meet Ministers borrowing needs has not yet been found. Several schemes have been tried and due to

- (a) lack of capital
- (b) the varying needs of ministers
- (c) ministers being locked into earlier commitments
- (d) ministers' inability to adequately save the depreciation component (25%) of their car travelling allowance and repay loans at the same time --

these have not been fully successful.

A proposal to phase out the existing car loan scheme (refer letter Finance Manager of 8th July 1983) did not find favour and the Conference resolution put the problem back to the Board of Administration.

THE OBLIGATION FOR TRANSPORT LIES WITH THE CHURCH

See Laws and Regulations Section 3-5.3 under function of the Parish Meeting (n) "provide adequate transport for the efficient working of the Parish."

It continues to be the obligation of the Church to provide the transport for ministers. In recent years nearly all ministers have chosen to own their own cars and to receive a travelling allowance from the Church. There are now very few ministers with transport supplied by the Church.

MINISTERS BORROWING TO PURCHASE THEIR OWN CAR

The task of finding the capital for a car is usually not easy and most ministers need to borrow funds at the time of changing their vehicles. The spiral seems to be:- some capital - borrowing - car purchase - interest payments - inability to save the depreciation component of the car allowance - change of car - higher cost - some capital - further borrowing - - - - and - - - - depending on savings and other family/personal circumstances most ministers by age 50 own their own car.

The P.D. & L. Fund has frequently been looked to as a source of car loan finance and not infrequently ministers have also borrowed funds from other sources - either local church, bank, or other lending institution. It is a concern that the burden of servicing such borrowing may, and in some instances does, place heavy strain upon the minister/minister's family.

SOME FACTS AND FIGURES AND IMPLICATIONS

- * The P.D. & L. Fund has a capital of \$16,000.
- * Currently it has borrowed from the Provident Society \$25,000^{ff} and the Connexional Banking Arrangement and other Funds \$75,000 - a total of \$100,000.
- * Loans are limited to \$4,000.
- * Requests for car loans are greater in amount, and number of requests, than the capacity of the Fund to meet them.

- * The Fund must continue to be able to lend to ministers commencing their ministries. (furniture, etc.)

(# NOTE:

Further support by the Society would depend on the support the Society receives from Ministers and Church Members.)

A Fund with such limited capital must -
either increase its capital
or find new sources of loan finance
or restrict or cease operation.

3. The Board consulted with Synods on three ways it sees progress could be made:

1. Car loans for ministers through a Finance Company.
2. Ministers' co-operative loan funding - P.D. & L. Fund.
3. Significantly increased capital for P.D. & L. Fund.

The August Synod responses indicated that the Board should continue to investigate the possibilities of vehicle finance through a finance company. However, there was also recognition that there is a continuing need for the P.D. & L. Fund to meet special needs of the ministry including exit-College students requiring finance for furniture and other purposes related to the exercise of their ministry. The whole issue is one which requires further study, especially in the light of July/August Government decisions on interest rates.

The Board recognises that a major appeal to the Church for capital funds for the P.D. & L. Fund is not one that would enjoy the strong support of the Church at this time; nevertheless it wishes to ask Conference to strengthen the base of the Fund with modest grants from the Connexional Budget Fund over the next three years. Further, there is a recommendation that Conference might draw the attention of the Church and its members to the needs of this Fund for additional capital.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Board be encouraged to continue to study the needs of the ministry for vehicle finance, and to pursue the possibilities and implications of the Options, as set out in the Report to Synods, and report to Synods and Conference 1985.
3. That in order to strengthen the P.D. & L. Fund that Conference supports a grant of \$15,000 to be sought from the Connexional Budget in each of the next three Budget Years.
4. That Conference draws attention to Boards, Committees, Parishes and Members the need for the capital of the P.D. & L. Fund to be strengthened by way of gifts, grants and bequests.

E. CONNEXIONAL BANKING ARRANGEMENT - SPECIAL ACCOUNT

Again this arrangement has proved its usefulness to the Connexion. This year in the 1984/5 budget \$26,528 is being made available to the Connexion bringing to nearly \$160,000 the total that has to date been contributed from this source.

Of very great benefit to the Church is the availability through this account of short term bridging finance. Parishes and institutions within the life of the church have been greatly helped in this respect. Besides many smaller sums to various Parishes and groupings larger advances are sometimes made. This year the largest advance was to Tamahere Eventide Home Trust in Hamilton. Besides the actual advances made, Parishes and institutions are given a sense of security in knowing that there are these short term funds available should the need arise. The Board of Administration's task in arranging finance is also made easier by the existence of this special account and would thank the Connexion for its continued support.

It is recognised that some minor inconvenience may be encountered by some Parishes whose Branch is "out of town". However, the Banks on-line computer link now makes information available on a New Zealand-wide bank basis. Where any difficulties are experienced, Parish Officers are invited to share these with the Connexional Office as usually such concerns can be met. The advantages for all outweigh any minor difficulties.

There are still some bank accounts outside the arrangements which, if included, could strengthen it still further. From the fullest participation come the greatest benefits for all. As it stands at present with the grant credited to the Connexional Budget, for every \$100 a Parish contributes over \$103 is available to the Budget. For example, a Parish with a present Connexional Budget allocation of \$10,000 would be asked to contribute \$10,300 if this contribution were not available. If every Parish were in the Banking Arrangement it would make this benefit even greater. \$32,658 will be available for the 1985/6 Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Report be received.

F. METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD

Now that the General Purposes Trust Board has been largely cleared of deposits except those relating to specific Trusts the report can be limited to highlights from these Trusts.

THE WINSTONE MEMORIAL FUND

The Trust continues to make a significant contribution to the wellbeing of the Church. The movement within the fund approximates to the previous year. The provision within the Deed that the Trustee may allocate all income to sustaining ministerial stipends or allocate a decreased percentage to capital once the capital reached \$200,000 has not been pursued. The continuation of inflation makes this an unwise move.

WALTERS FAMILY TRUSTS

The Trusts have maintained support for their various objectives throughout the year and the movement here is very similar to the previous year. The Number 3 Trust has been registered but has not at this stage been operated.

THE KINGSWOOD TRUST

The Trust has maintained its support of Supernumerary Ministers and Ministers widows throughout the year. It also expressed its willingness to be engaged in support of supply ministry in the Canterbury area to allow the Vice-President greater freedom.

RIVERVIEW TRUST

During the year a new Trust was established, to be known as the Riverview Trust.

Besides a small allocation to a local Church the income of the Fund is to be available to the religious, charitable and educational and social purposes of the Methodist Church with the expressed preference that the proceeds be devoted to lay training within the Church. The Trust Fund will maintain its effectiveness through an addition of not less than 20% of the income to the Capital Fund each year.

The Board expresses its sincere thanks to the settlors, who wish to remain anonymous, for this generous expression of their own faith and convictions.

BEQUESTS AND LEGACIES

Once again the Church has benefited from the generosity of its members. Throughout the year the Church has received \$27,412. In many ways the loyalties developed in lives of service are carried into the future.

OUR HISTORY

We are grateful that Dr Janus has begun a revised edition of "INHERITANCE, the Store of Connexional Funds of the Methodist Church of New Zealand"

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Report be received.

G. CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

FINANCE

The place of the Loan Fund in the life of the Church is emphasised by the degree of activity within the Fund. The number of loans advanced over the year ended 31st May 1984 has increased from 20 for the previous year to 23 and the amount advanced has more than doubled rising from \$137,665 to \$341,050.

Also there is an increasing acceptability and use of the Nominated Trust Advances scheme, the amount deposited this year being \$281,500 compared to \$197,000 for the previous year. Good things are being achieved by local Churches using this funding.

The total deposits from the sale of Church properties now stands at \$922,127. When this money is not required by depositing Parishes it is

on lent to Parishes desiring to buy or build and care is being taken not to erode the deposits on the one hand by lending at too cheap a rate of interest, nor, on the other hand charging borrowing Parishes such a rate that it inhibits necessary building or expansion. This balance is under regular review.

BUILDING AND OTHER PROPERTY APPROVALS

In exercising its responsibilities in this area the Committee is mindful of its relationship to the Parish and to the District Property Committees. The District Property Committee is able to interpret not only the intention but also the physical circumstances surrounding the building or other project. This information is most valuable to the Committee and there is a real desire that the relationship between the C.B. & L. Committee and the District Property Committees should be more firmly established.

In 1985, the Board proposes to arrange regional consultation of representatives of Synods to give consideration to the ways in which the responsibilities for property strategy can be furthered at regional level.

DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS

The Church Building and Loan Fund is grateful for the way in which it has been remembered in the bequests of members. During the past year it has received \$81,182 to add to the Accumulated Funds.

LE. Burgess Estate	9,194
B.H. Clift Estate	50
M.B. Gilmore Estate	634
A.H. Hayman Estate	736
F.W. Walters Trust	8,593
M.E. White Estate	51,975
M.M. Woodward Estate	10,000
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	\$81,182
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REPORT ON THE CONSENT FOR PROPERTY SALES, PURCHASES, BUILDING & LOANS

On behalf of the Conference the Committee has given consent as under for the 12 months to 31 May, 1984. If not acted upon by the 31st May 1985 consent expires.

The figures shown are to be taken in most instances as approximate costs or realisations.

SALE OF PROPERTIES

NORTHLAND:

(1044) KAEO-KERIKERI UNION - Removal of old hall at Kaeo

AUCKLAND:

(2006) AUCKLAND DISTRICT METHODIST YOUTH PERMANENT CAMPSITES -
Omana Land - \$350,000
(2131) DEVONPORT - Land at Muriwai - \$300

MANUKAU:

- (2441) PUKEKOHE - Cnr splay Queen & Wesley Sts, Pukekohe - road widening - \$1340
(2445) PUKEKOHE - Karaka land exchange
(2461) WAIUKU - Glenbrook Beach property

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY:

- (3031) PAEROA - Parsonage Nahum St, Paeroa - extension of approval given 26/5/82
(3141) MATAMATA UNION - Hinuera church

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

- (4103) TAIHAPE - Land at Mangaweka - \$300

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU:

- (5104) PALMERSTON NORTH - CATHERINE JAMIESON property 70 Albert St - \$65,000
(5113) ASHHURST-BUNNYTHORPE - Old parsonage 202 Cambridge Ave, Ashhurst - \$41,000
(5113) ASHHURST-BUNNYTHORPE Section Baring St, Bunnythorpe - \$7,000

WELLINGTON:

- (6242) RAUMATI BEACH - Kiwi Road Hall - \$55,000
(6120) LOWER HUTT-PETONE - Parsonage 39 Cleary St. - \$84,000

NELSON:

- (7080) PICTON UNION - Linkwater (Mahapawa) Section

NORTH CANTERBURY:

- (8022) SOMERFIELD - Rear section 173 Barrington St. - \$16,000
(8010) CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL MISSION - Lot 4 Rehua Lane - \$15,000

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

- (9161) TEVIOT UNION - Part of Methodist parsonage section - \$2000
(9022) DUNEDIN MISSION/DUNDAS STREET property - \$41,000
(9110/9113) INVERCARGILL CENTRAL - Section at Clifton
(9110/9113) INVERCARGILL CENTRAL - House 203 Chelmsford St.
(9027) WILSON AVE - Parsonage - \$82,000
(9028) ST KILDA - Land at Highcliff 313.6m²

PURCHASES

AUCKLAND:

- (2063) ST HELIERS/GLENDOWIE - Trinity Presbyterian property for Lay Education Centre - \$307,000
(2001) AUCKLAND DISTRICT TONGAN TRUST - Section at Orley Ave, Mangere \$55,000
(2001) AUCKLAND DISTRICT TONGAN TRUST - House 41 Margan Ave, New Lynn \$67,000

PURCHASES cont'd

WELLINGTON:

- (6120) LOWER HUTT PETONE - Replacement parsonage Waiwhetu 205
Riverside Drive - \$81,000

BUILDINGS

(E) Erection

(A) Alteration

NORTHLAND:

- (1044) KAEO-KERIKERI (E) - New Hall at Kaeo
(1084) RAUMANGA (E) -- Community-use building

AUCKLAND:

- (2091) AVONDALE UNION (E) - Church Complex Stage 1

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY:

- (3141) MATAMATA (E) - Hall

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

- (4018) TAINUI HOME (E) - 6-Bed Extension Wing

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU:

- (5160) TAMATEA COMMUNITY CHURCH (A) - Relocation of Hatuma
Presbyterian church & linking buildings to church
(5113) ASHHURST-BUNNYTHORPE (E) - New parsonage at Ashhurst
(5051) MANGAPAPA UNION (A) -- Incorporation of 3 rooms into worship
area

WELLINGTON:

- (6193) ST LUKE'S UNION (A) - Alterations to interior to church

NORTH CANTERBURY:

- (8010) CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL MISSION (A) - Alterations to kitchen at
Wesley Lodge & modifications to entrance at
Fairhaven Hospital
(8141) PAPANUI (A) - Re-roof of church complex
(8010) CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL MISSION (A) - Fairhaven Home & Hospital
Boiler Room
(8017) CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL MISSION (A) - Wesley House, Picton -
Alterations to Laundry & Bathroom
(8220) PARKLANDS CO-OP. PARISH (E) - Community Centre Project
(8010) CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL MISSION (E) - Garage at 54 Chester St. W.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

- (9031) MORNINGTON (E) - New Church Development
(9007) WESLEYDALE CAMPSITE (A) -- Extension to Main Hall

THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES HAVE BEEN SOLD/PURCHASED/BUILT
UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO THE INVESTMENT BOARD

- Purchase of Cambridge Terrace/Christchurch Central Mission property - M.T.A.
Purchase of Capital Life Buildings, Devon St, New Plymouth - M.T.A.
Purchase of land at Ryan Place, Manukau City - M.T.A.
Approval to Wesley College for purchase of 46-50 Mt Eden Road.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Report be received.

H. ARCHIVES

This development is growing very quickly. As well as providing a pastoral and research service to local parishes and the Connexion as a whole, it is also a vital outreach of the Church and contacts are being made with historical societies, students writing theses and individuals in New Zealand and overseas who are researching their genealogy and other subjects. The work is demanding, endless but also extremely rewarding.

NEW VENTURES

The Auckland Archive has now been established at Hames House, 1 Turner Street, and records of parishes in the Northland, Auckland and Manukau Districts are in the process of being transferred from Christchurch. (Baptismal and Marriage registers kept meantime in the Connexional Archive in Christchurch). Rev. G. Carter, the Archivist at Auckland reports as follows: "We have during the year from the Grant from the Methodist Provident Society secured and installed suitable shelving which enables us to make the maximum effective use of our space. We have also now secured suitable archival boxes and are beginning the slow process of placing the records we now hold in these containers. It is important that the records be stored in containers that will not damage them. But it is equally important that we have a retrieval system that allows us to place our hands on any records with minimal delay. We are well begun on both these aspects of our task.

"The bulk of the collection held to date is the records of the Overseas Mission Department, but we are slowly increasing our holdings of local Church records. We hope that before we make our next report, we will have acquired archival material from every church/circuit/parish in the Northland, Auckland and Manukau Districts.

"We are now able to meet some of the needs of researchers and we anticipate that their numbers will grow as our presence in Auckland becomes better known. A small group of dedicated people are giving of their time to make all this possible and we express our thanks to them."

Marcia Baker the Archivist based in Christchurch reports: "A further new venture is the intention to commence at the Connexional Office a lending department of library books, resource material, denominational newspapers and W.C.C. and N.C.C. periodicals which are all received regularly. (Buy an Epworth book and borrow some resource material when next visiting Epworth Chambers.)

"We are excited also at the prospect of funding becoming available from the Methodist Women's Fellowship Special Objective and some of this will go towards researching the background of present day issues such as women in ministry and bi-culturalism,"

CONNEXIONAL RECORDS

It must be stressed again that the Connexional policy requires that all baptismal and marriage registers, membership rolls and circuit schedule books not in current use be lodged at the Connexional Archive in Christchurch and the co-operation of the Church is sought in securing and safeguarding in one place these irreplaceable records.

WORKING PROCEDURES

Now that we are establishing the Auckland archive it is very important that we work with the common and established guidelines and system of cataloguing. Books are currently held in other areas too, and everything must be co-ordinated. Eventually it is planned to put information on computer. Already we have an alphabetical computer listing of Methodist Ministers who have worked in New Zealand since 1822.

RETRIEVAL OF RECORDS

We are pleased with the response to a recent article in 'FOCUS'. We have received a number of replies, and valuable gifts have been donated, including a china plate commemorating the centennial of the Primitive Methodist Church 1807-1907, and a medal featuring John and Charles Wesley (Centenary of Wesleyan Methodism 1839) also a William Morley 'History of New Zealand Methodism' and many historical booklets.

We are still working towards letting each parish have a list of the records we hold for them, but this is a time consuming task and day to day inquiries occupy a great deal of our effort.

Some parishes have made inquiries and then have begun searching, finding missing registers in Church lofts and old cupboards. We have heard of early registers being stored in damp conditions and then being destroyed and others being lent out to researchers. Many records are still held by people who were once office bearers in local churches. We are grateful to those who have made searches, but we know there is a lot more discovering waiting to be done. This matter of retrieval and recovery is of extreme urgency as in the meantime valuable history is being lost.

PUBLICITY

Publicity is very important for it is only as people become aware of our existence and the value of archives and the ways in which they can be used that records will be kept and handled with care and when completed be put in safe keeping to be used again. Talks have been given to various groups, and other have made visits to the Archives.

A pamphlet has been prepared on 'The Keeping of Records' and this will be available shortly. Copies of the Guidelines for Archives and Records in Methodist Parishes distributed to all Parishes, continues to be available. The Guidelines for Archives and records in Union and Co-operating Parishes is expected to be available from the Committee on Co-operative Ventures very shortly.

ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL ARCHIVES

Now that our Auckland archive is functioning enabling us to store Presbyterian records both in Auckland and Christchurch, we look forward to the establishment of Presbyterian archival centres in Wellington and Dunedin to complete the reciprocal arrangements agreed to in principle.

THANKS

We record our thanks to all who have worked helping to compile finding aids and in many other ways. Special thanks to Mesdames Pat Greening and Olive Thompson and Rev. Harold Brown.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Report be received.

I. STIPENDS

Conference 1984 will need to consider and decide on how stipends are to be unwaxed at the end of the Wage Freeze presently scheduled 1 April 1985.

Accordingly, the Board forwarded the following Report to Synods. The responses of the Synods are generally favourable to the recommendation which the Board now brings to Conference.

Recognising that 24 months is a long time in the current New Zealand Wage Price Freeze/economic scene, the Board of Administration at its recent meeting discussed on a preliminary basis these issues. It recognised that further consideration will need to be given to the question immediately prior to Conference 1984. However, it wishes to share its present thinking with Synods with a view to inviting a preliminary response to the question.

The Church has been and continues to be free to set a stipend for its ministers. It is not bound by the Wage Freeze Regulations. The Church has kept the spirit of the Wage Freeze and the adjustment effected 1 April 1984 was in line with the \$8 per week movement approved by the Government. This adjustment amounts to 2.8% of the previous stipend figure of \$14,863.

The Church uses the Consumer Price Index for its stipend setting as this cost of living index is seen to relate more closely to the traditional understandings of a stipend than other indices. It could be argued that in accepting the spirit of the Wage Freeze the Church and its Ministers have accepted that there will be no retrospective adjustment. On the other hand it could be argued that we have accepted it for the duration of the Wage Freeze. If this latter approach was followed, then after allowing for the adjustment of the \$8 per week effective from 1 April 1984 then stipends would be adjusted by the difference between \$8 per week (equals 2.8%) and the C.P.I. Movement (cumulative) for the period 1 April 1982 to 31 March 1984 which is 16.54% The Board considers that such an adjustment on the 1 April 1985 with a further adjustment based upon the C.P.I. Movement 1 April 1984 to 31 March 1985 effective on the 1 July 1985

would not find wide favour with Parishes and Ministers.

The Board is however, conscious that some hardship may accrue to Ministers but considers that in this regard there would be little or no difference between Ministers and the majority of other wage/salary earners in New Zealand.

In determining any stipend adjustment for 1985-86, the Conference will need to clarify the position between the C.P.I. and any government decision in relation to wages which may be made between the preparation of this report and Conference.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the present stipend of \$15,279 be adjusted by the C.P.I. Movement of 1 April 1984 to 31 March 1985 with effect from the 1 July 1985.

J. REMOVAL FUND

Removals in January 1984 were funded from the levy on Parishes, basically calculated on a per member basis. Previously the funds were from the Connexional Budget. This had given rise to some difficulties in determining what Parishes were eligible for removals to be paid. Especially in some Co-operative Ventures problems arose.

This new method of funding, by levy, enables precise definition of which Parishes have their removal costs met from the Removal Fund (and see further below, Co-operative Ventures Removal Scheme). This method also enabled a regular flow of income without the necessity to borrow, and made possible the acceptance of a very worth-while contract from one of the contracting firms.

The Removal market was very competitive for this year's removals. Two firms offered almost identical quotes. When both were re-approached, an offer was made of a considerable discount on the contracted price, in return for a 75% payment before Christmas. With the levied funds in hand it was possible to accept this offer without the necessity and expense for bridging finance, and with the attendant saving in the cost of the removal contract.

The moves by contract all generally went smoothly. The "do-it-yourself" moves (i.e. those short distance, within 100-150 kilometres) still present some minor difficulties. The Fund realises the strains that a minister and the family are under at this time, and arranging for quotes and sightings adds further to strain and pressure. But the Fund's experience is that short-distance moves are more cheaply arranged locally and usually are "easier" on Ministers and Parishes.

INTER ISLAND MOVES: It has been interesting to observe the reduction of about \$1,000 on each inter island move, compared with last year's costs, a result of increased competition in this field.

CO-OPERATIVE VENTURES

(a) Especially where a Methodist minister is appointed to a Union or Co-operating Venture, there is offered the facilities of arranging the move within the Methodist contract and the other facilities (including insurance) that the Fund provides. In the January 1984 shifts at least

six were arranged on behalf of such Parishes, and two were on behalf of other Church agencies. All these are charged the costs involved, and in due course reimburse the Fund. This is a service that the Methodist Church is able and pleased, to offer.

(b) At the beginning of July, we began operating a parallel Removal Fund, at the request of the Negotiating Churches Unity Council Committee on Co-operative Ventures - known as "Co-operating Ventures Removal Scheme".

This is based on our own Fund, (except that Parishes involved undertake a minimum 5-year membership and the funding is on a per-Parish-minister basis at \$350 per annum). It makes use of our particular computer programme, and other facilities and is administered by the Division.

It might be appropriate to again point out that the Removal Fund makes practical the Methodist ethos as expressed in the Law Book Section 2 paragraph 17.1 "The Church practices the itinerancy of the ministry through all Presbyters being available for stationing and by being stationed by the Conference annually". And by arranging to meet at Conference with those Ministers who are to move following that Conference the Fund seeks to be pastoral and personal at a significant and a sometimes traumatic time.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Report be received.

K. SECTOR MINISTRIES FUND

Conference 1983 asked the Board of Administration

- (a) *to review and report on the basis of the Sector Ministries Fund, and*
- (b) *to continue to discuss the basis on which Grants are made,*

and report to Synods and Conference 198.

The Board has reviewed the operation of the Fund and after consultation with the Development Division has reported to Synods which have been supportive of the proposals. Some amendments to the proposals have been made in the light of comments from Synods.

BACKGROUND - 1977

In 1977 the Board of Administration and the Development Division from the reports to and decision of Conference recognised the following purposes, criteria and procedures relating to the Fund.

(1) THE PURPOSE OF THE SECTOR MINISTRY FUND

To provide a source of funds from the proceeds of the sale of redundant property with which to support people in pioneering expressions of Christian ministry in areas of life other than the residential sector, e.g. industry, commerce, education, health, social services, local/central Government, leisure.

(2) CRITERIA FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF GRANTS FROM THE FUND

- (a) That grants be available to support sector expressions of ministry, ordained or lay at Parish, District and Divisional level (neighbourhood, regional and national).
- (b) That normally grants be made annually.
(Note: some projects may justify a designate term, say 3 years.)
- (c) That normally grants be available for initial pioneering work rather than the long term support of specific sector ministries.
- (d) That grants be available to support part-time as well as full-time expressions of sector ministries.
- (e) That lay people be eligible for grants from the Fund.

(3) PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FROM THE SECTOR MINISTRY FUND

- (a) All applications shall have the endorsement of the Synod in whose area the ministry is to be expressed.
- (b) Application will be considered in terms of the skills and resources of the person(s) involved and also the merits of the aims and objectives of the existing/proposed ministry.
- (c) Applications should indicate -
 - (i) the source and amount of other funds that are being contributed towards the cost of the ministry
 - (ii) the proposed source of funding after the initial Sector Fund Grant.
- (d) Applications shall be made through the Superintendent of the Development Division who will confer with the Administration Division, M.S.S.A. and members of the Council of Mission.
- (e) Applications for the ensuing Connexional Year shall normally be in the hands of the Superintendent of the Development Division by 31 August.

CONSULTATION WITH DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Arising from difficulties experienced since 1977 over applying the definition of "redundant" property when seeking contributions to the Fund, the Board of Administration consulted with the Development Division and in June 1982 considered the following submissions and recommendations from the Development Division:

SUBMISSIONS FROM DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

A, "RESISTANCE TO CONTRIBUTING CAPITAL FROM THE SALE OF REDUNDANT PROPERTY TO THE FUND.

The concerns of Parishes relating to the principle of channelling "up to 25% of the proceeds from the sale of redundant property" are

basically these:

- (a) Local Church leaders view the contribution of capital to the Fund as a process whereby the Connexion removes capital from the neighbourhood and uses it elsewhere.
- (b) Local leaders invariably see the proceeds from the sale of redundant property being used totally towards new capital projects within their Parish, either immediately or sometime in the future.
- (c) The existence of the Fund and the use made of its resources is not widely known. Consequently, the initial reaction of Parish Officials is one of resistance.
- (d) The name of the Fund itself is abstract and does not evoke positive images of innovative ministries.

B. FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE RE-FORMULATION OF THE THE PURPOSE, CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES FOR THE USE OF A PERCENTAGE OF THE INCOME FROM THE SALE OF REDUNDANT PROPERTY.

(a) A re-definition of the term 'redundant'

There needs to be a clearer definition of 'redundant property'.

- (i) The sale of property where the proceeds are to be applied directly to a new capital development project within the Parish itself, and
- (ii) The sale of property that is redundant to the needs of the Parish and there is no intention of developing existing or new facilities within the Parish.

(b) Achieving a balance between local, regional and national needs

There needs to be maintained a balance between the needs/hopes of the Parish in which the 'redundant property' is sited and the needs/hopes of the District and the Connexion."

RESPONSES TO THE CONCERNS OF THE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

RESPONSE TO CONCERN A A redefinition of the term 'redundant'. In the revised Laws and Regulations of the Church and following considerable discussion the following redefinition was made:

Section 7 - 11.6 provides

"When property no longer required for its current purpose and not replaced is sold a portion of the proceeds of the sale of such 'redundant property' shall be contributed to the Sector Ministries Fund. The Quarterly Meeting or Incorporated Board holding the property concerned shall consult with the Synod and the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee with regard to the amount of the contribution which shall be of up to 25% of such proceeds. This provision shall not apply to property in Co-operative Ventures."

It is the Board's experience that this revision is close to the intention of the Conference in creating the Fund and has clarified the position relating to the property contributed by the Conference to Co-operative Ventures. The new provision has been more acceptable and is certainly more workable through increased dialogue and flexibility.

RESPONSE TO CONCERN B: Achieving a balance between local, regional and national needs. As examples of the ways in which this fund is benefiting the whole Church, grants over the last few years to June 1984 have included:

Johnsonville	\$ 1,050	Support for non-parochial expression of diaconate ministry
Wiri	\$ 1,093	Friendship House ministry
Porirua	\$15,000	In view of 'social justice' orientation
Papakura	\$ 6,000	Establishment of a Youth Ministry
St Luke's Masterton	\$ 3,750	Part-time Youth Worker
Wellington	\$ 2,950	Urban Training Centre
Upper Hutt	\$ 6,625	Chaplaincy - Central Institute of Technology
Canterbury I.T.I.M.	\$ 3,000	New Chaplaincy
Wellington I.T.I.M.	\$ 1,000	New Chaplaincy
Manukau North	\$20,961	Tongan Ministry
Taranaki-Wanganui	\$ 8,053	Regional Resource Person
Northland	\$ 2,000	Towards establishment Urban/Rural Mission
Fijian Ministry	\$15,353	Towards establishment
Hamilton	\$12,076	Tongan Ministry
Wanganui	\$ 200	Taihape support

With a view to -

- (a) greater participation by the Synod when contributions from 'redundant property' are being worked out, and
- (b) greater balance in regions between arriving at the contribution to be made to the Fund and asking for a grant,

the Board now suggests that the Fund be held and distributed in a slightly modified way.

The following recommendations are offered in the light of recent experience in the Dunedin area where there has been considerable church property rationalisation and redevelopment with Sector Ministries Fund contributions being deployed regionally.

It is our view that the intentions of the Conference will be fulfilled with more positive attitudes to this expression of 'operating connexionally'.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the purpose, criteria and procedures of the existing Sector Ministries Fund be revised as follows:

A. CRITERIA FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF GRANTS FROM THE FUND

- (a) That grants be available to support pioneering expressions of Christian ministry, ordained or lay at Parish, District and Divisional level (neighbourhood, regional and national).
- (b) That normally grants be made annually.
(Note: some projects may justify a designate term, say 3 years.)
- (c) That normally grants be available for initial pioneering work rather than the long term support of specific ministries.
- (d) That grants be available to support part-time as well as full-time expressions of ministries.
- (e) That lay people be eligible for grants from the Fund.

B. PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FROM THE FUND

- (a) All applications shall have the endorsement of the Synod in whose area the ministry is to be expressed.
- (b) Application will be considered in terms of the skills and resources of the person(s) involved and also the merits of the aims and objectives of the existing/proposed ministry.
- (c) Applications should indicate -
 - (i) the source and amount of other funds that are being contributed towards the cost of the ministry
 - (ii) the proposed source of funding after the initial Grant.
- (d) Applications shall be made through the Development Division who will confer with the Administration Division.

C. All funds received after 1 February, 1985 to be held and distributed on an amended basis to the criteria as follows:

That grants be available to support sector expressions of ministry, ordained or lay at Parish, District and Connexional level.

Normally, two-thirds of the funds to be applied in the District/Region where the funds were generated with one-third of the funds being applied on a connexional basis. Only in very exceptional circumstances will grants for regional developments exceed the funds contributed within the region.

D. That the name of the Fund be changed to "Ministries Fund".

- E.
- (a) That in order to share the insights and learnings emerging from the development of new ministries supported initially by the Fund, the Development Division request a full report from the appropriate body.
 - (b) That the Development Division distribute the reports (suitably edited) to District Synods.

(NOTE: It is not envisaged that the reports would be tabled at Conference, though the Development Division will list each year in its report the specific projects that have received grants from the Fund.)

- F. That in order to provide an ongoing assessment of the Fund, the Development and Administration Divisions, undertake a review every five years and report on the review to Synods.

L. ECUMENICAL RELATIONSHIPS: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AND WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL

Relationships of our Methodist Church in New Zealand with the National Council of Churches and the World Methodist Council have been under oversight of a Committee of the Board of Administration. However this ceased as of 1 July with the formation of the Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation, serving both the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches. From that date, matters relating to the N.C.C. became the responsibility of Unit IV of the newly formed Council. Relationships with the World Methodist Council will be the responsibility of Unit V.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

A General Meeting of the Council was held in Christchurch from 10-13 February. The Executive met on April 27 and 28 and will meet again in September. Methodist representatives on the Executive are Mrs Helen Grant, Rev. Rua Rakena and Rev. John Roberts. Mr Geoff Hill was appointed Vice-President by the General Meeting. He becomes President in August 1985. The Working Committee, comprising members of the General Meeting resident in Christchurch, meets monthly.

A New Ecumenical Structure

In 1982 a working group was established to work towards the creation of a new ecumenical structure in which the Roman Catholic Church would be a full member. A draft Constitution and some background documentation was prepared. Most recently the need has been expressed for local discussion on the proposals so that the most appropriate structure could be devised. Such discussion will also help local churches to 'own' the new body more effectively.

At the General Meeting of the N.C.C. it was proposed that a reconstituted Committee for the planning and carrying through of the consultations including the Maori Council of Churches (Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga I Nga Hahi O Aotearoa) be formed. A wide range of groups is being invited to consider the shape, nature and purpose of the new ecumenical body. Regional consultations were held in September. A national consultation will be held early in 1985 to draw up final proposals based on insights generated at the regional consultations. These will then be submitted to Church Courts for decision later in the year.

Restructuring of the N.C.C.

Financial difficulties in 1983 led to consideration being given to a relocation of Offices and the cutting of staff positions. The General Meeting agreed that the Office of the General Secretariat should continue to be in Christchurch; that as from 1985 the Wellington

presence should become part-time (with the current emphasis on youth work being maintained at its present level); and the Auckland presence continue to be part-time. Rev. Bill Best is to investigate staffing and the work involved at the three Offices. A Staff Review Committee is to be established. The term of the present General Secretary expires this year and the position is to be advertised.

The Executive has since set up an Interviewing Committee for the position of General Secretary. Rev. Angus MacLeod has indicated he will not be applying. His replacement takes up office early next year. Appointments are also to be made for the Auckland and Wellington Offices. The Rev. Bob Scott has been re-appointed to the Racism Programme for a further three years from 1.1.85.

Racism Programme

Significant progress has been made in the last two years with an increasing number of church and community groups examining racism in their own communities. The staff have acted as consultant in a variety of situations, has initiated research and makes publications available.

The General Council endorsed the continuing work of the Programme for a further 3 years from July 1984. Member churches of the N.C.C. are encouraged to support, develop and own the thrust of the Programme. The N.C.C. is to assume responsibility for specific funding by approaches to churches and other sources. Means of expanding the Programme are to be explored including the secondment of church staff.

Church and Society Commission

The Commission has been involved in continuing concern arising from Waitangi observances. It has made submissions to Government on a variety of Bills relating to Accident Insurance, Samoan Citizenship, Rape Laws, Industrial Law Reform, Social Welfare Homes, Nuclear Armed Ships visits. Peace concerns are prominent on the agenda, along with issues of sexism and unemployment.

The N.C.C. reaffirmed at the General Meeting its commitment to promote a serious review of the pakeha concept of the history of this country so as to identify with the injustices of the Maori people. It asked for a moratorium on the present form of commemoration of Waitangi Day so as to facilitate widespread discussion of the issues surrounding the Treaty among Pakeha and Maori people.

Wellington Office - Youth Work - International Affairs

Rev. Peter Glensor has convened two retreats with youth workers. An ecumenical youth event is planned for 1986. A variety of seminars and workshops with youth have been held. A youth pilgrimage took place in the Wairarapa. A consultation on Christian Witness in secondary schools and tertiary institutions has been held.

The youth presence as observers was strongly felt at the General Meeting. The result was an increased role for youth, and more youth representation on the Executive of the N.C.C.

In the area of international affairs, attention has been devoted to Korea, New Caledonia, C.C.A. International Affairs Secretary's visit, Namibia, visit of Dr Allan Boesak, Bishop Desmond Tutu and the 1985 All Black Rugby Tour of South Africa.

Inter Church Commission on Immigration and Refugee Resettlement

In 1983 I.C.C.I. assisted in the resettlement of 627 Indo-Chinese refugees, and 82 East European refugees. I.C.C.I. initiated New Zealand's first "Refugee Day" with the aim of highlighting the refugee problem.

There is concern at the way in which immigrants are affected by rising levels of unemployment. Serious issues have been raised in relation to the 1983 Immigration Bill.

Evangelism

The N.C.C. sees its role as one of stimulating and encouraging the churches in the tasks of mission and evangelism. A consultation of people from member churches with responsibility for evangelism was held in 1983. The outcome was a proposal for two forums a year. One to bring together those officially involved in evangelism for their churches, and the other to bring together those specialising in particular forms of evangelism, e.g., industrial, rural, inner city.

A forum was held in June with the following objectives

To share resources and ideas on Mission and Evangelism.

To provide group support for full-time personnel involved in the field of evangelism in the churches.

To make connections between the various church programmes and evangelism.

To be a clearing house for information, re visitors from overseas, printed resources, etc.

To develop relationships between those working in the field of evangelism.

Prison Chaplaincy

Concern has been expressed at the lack of involvement of Maori sections of the church in the appointment of Prison Chaplains. An Advisory Committee which will also act as a Selection Committee is to be appointed with greater representation of Maoris and women.

Christian World Service

The 1983 Christmas Appeal total was \$482,880, a 1.6% decrease on the previous year. The 1984 Appeal theme is 'Say Yes to Life'.

Increasingly C.W.S. partners are challenging us to see how the way we aid and trade and conduct our foreign policy, affects them. They also doubt C.W.S. ability to be an effective partner if it is not relating to the points of pain in New Zealand society.

Since 1956 there have been 92 Fraternal Workers, most of these serving abroad. C.W.S. has been involved in organising Structural Analysis Seminars and sponsoring Christian Action Week.

Consideration is to be given to a plan for C.W.S. and the Racism Programme to present a joint focus on apartheid and racism which will highlight the inseparability of the struggle against apartheid in South Africa and racism in New Zealand.

A joint agency African Drought Appeal was launched in June. C.W.S. was involved with the Catholic Commission for Evangelisation, Justice and Development in mounting this appeal. Its strength is its partnership with churches and church agencies in Africa.

Other Matters

With the phasing out of the committee it has not been possible to take up the matter of the review of University Chaplaincy. Our church will need to find some other mechanism for the review if it wishes to see this proceed.

WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL

Bishop Lance Webb of the United Methodist Church of the U.S.A. visited and led a series of seminars on spirituality. Rev. Brian Turner attended a consultation of Social and International Affairs Committee of the W.M.C. held in Barbados in October 1983. The theme was "South-North Dialogue and Solidarity with the Poor". A report of the Conference was published as an "Occasional Bulletin" and circulated through the Connexional Mailing.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Conference congratulates Mr Geoff Hill on becoming Vice-President of the National Council of Churches.
3. That Conference commend the 1984 Christmas Appeal of Christian World Service to Parishes.
4. That Conference appoint the following for 1984/85:

General Meeting of the N.C.C. Revs. R.D. Rakena, J.H. Roberts, A.K. Woodley, Mrs Helen Grant and two others to be nominated to the President.

Executive of the N.C.C. Rev. J.H. Roberts, Mrs Helen Grant, and co-opted Rev. R.D. Rakena.

Women's Committee Mesdames M. Balfour, S. Tahere and M. Hamilton.

M. TOWARDS A RETIREMENT HOME

The 1983 Conference resolved:

"The Board of Administration be requested to bring to the 1984 Conference proposals to combine the Ministers' Retiring Housing Fund with the Ministers' Retirement Home Fund to create a versatile Fund to assist towards the housing needs of retiring ministers which cannot otherwise be met."

Resolution 6(a), p.654

The Board has seen its task in the wider light of recent Superannuation Legislation and resulting changes to our Supernumerary Fund. The implications in respect of the retirement housing needs of ministers require careful consideration. For this reason this report not only deals with the actual request of Conference pertaining to the Funds mentioned in its resolution but with the changing scene as well.

The Report was forwarded to Synods and the responses of the Synods to the overall situation facing ministers for Retirement Housing

are diverse and the Board in presenting this Report to Conference advises that it is a preliminary report. The Board intends to study the matter further and in the light of current economic conditions will prepare a further report to Synods and Conference 1985. The Board also wishes to monitor existing and any possible changes in Government policy.

The Synods' responses indicated a consensus to the proposals relating to combining the Ministers Retirement Housing Fund. The Board believes it has a mandate to proceed with the amalgamation and the Ministers Retirement Home Fund and a recommendation to this effect is offered. The Board will manage these several property accounts under the umbrella name of The Board of Administration Ministers Housing Account.

GLOSSARY

Home Acquirement Fund "A"	Compulsory contributions to this fund ceased 31/1/78. (available for a retirement home)
Home Acquirement Fund "B"	A voluntary Home Savings Fund.
Ministers' Retirement Home Fund	"The Crothall Fund". Set up in 1975 and now owns a unit rented to a minister.
Ministers' Retirement Housing Fund	The \$150,000 Appeal monies.
Provident Fund for Retirement Property	a possible successor fund to Home Acquirement Fund "B" - with other possibilities.

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUNDS "A" & "B"

WHAT HAS HAPPENED UP TO NOW

Since 1978 Supernumerary Fund Trustees have administered two different Home Acquirement Funds designated Home Acquirement Fund "A" (the old compulsory Fund) and Home Acquirement Fund "B" (the voluntary Fund).

The Home Acquirement Fund "A" recorded for each individual minister the amount of this minister's contributions to the fund as well as the (identical) amount of the Church's subsidy credited to each minister's individual account.

Each minister used to have deducted from stipend as contributions to the Supernumerary Fund (which was and is a mutual fund) and another as contribution to each (individual) Home Acquirement Fund ("A") Account. When the contributions to the Supernumerary Fund were increased to 10% (from 5% first to 7.5% and then 10% from 1 February 1978) this Home Acquirement Fund "A" did not receive any more compulsory contributions from ministers and the subsidy was phased out (first from 5% to 2.5% then nil). The Home Acquirement Fund "A" was "frozen" with credits being uplifted on the actual acquisition of a home or repayment of a mortgage on such time. This rule is the same as always applied before and results from the Supernumerary aspect of this

Fund, it being part of the "retirement package".

The possibility was then opened for ministers to make voluntary contributions in a Home Acquisition Fund "B", which has the attributes of a Savings Account and allows for uplifting of the minister's credit as required, although the aim should be to claim it only for the purchase of a home.

For several years now a number of ministers have voluntarily invested in this Home Acquisition Fund "B", in this way supplementing their credit in the original subsidised Home Acquisition Fund "A" and so 'saving up for a retirement home'.

Both Funds have attracted a healthy return plus capital accretion. In this way, as much as possible, the value of these Funds have been protected in the prevailing inflationary climate. These Accounts "A" and "B" are different type accounts and need to be kept separate.

CHANGES IN SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AND PENSION COMMUTATION POSSIBILITIES

The new legislation has required that the Home Acquisition Funds ("A" & "B") be removed from the Supernumerary Fund. Last Conference decided that they be administered by the Board of Administration and remain separate Funds within the umbrella name of Ministers Housing Account.

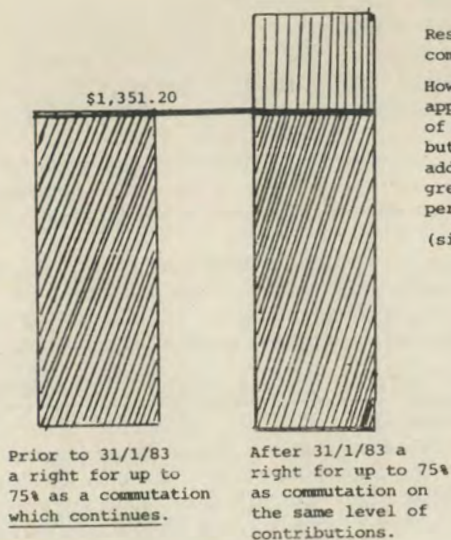
Ministers will be aware that because of the changes in the Superannuation legislation, rights to commute pensions are scaled down considerably. The right to commute has been changed as from 31 January 1983 in that annuity rights from the Fund made after that date are subject to different rules. Those ministers who were members of the Supernumerary Fund as at 31 January 1983 will be entitled:

To commute up to 75% of the pension they would have been entitled to at 31 January 1983.

In addition they will be entitled to commute up to 75% of the pension based on the same amount of regular contribution which they made as at 31 January 1983 paid after that date up till their retirement.

Any amount of contribution paid after 31 January 1983 which is higher than the contribution paid as at that date towards a retirement pension can only be commuted up to 25% of the pension resulting from those higher contributions.

However, any residual pension must be greater than \$520 p.a. If this is not so, the whole of the "trivial pension" can be commuted.



Restriction to 25%
commutation right.

However this does not
apply until the benefit
of the higher contri-
bution produces an
additional benefit
greater than \$520
per annum.

(simple isn't it!)

It is estimated that the change mentioned will start to make a material impact in about seven years' time. By that time retiring ministers will start to receive small amounts by way of commutation and larger pension payments.

It is suggested that ministers and in particular ministers aged 45 years plus, give the matter of retirement housing some thought now, especially those who will retire when their commutation rights are cut back. Some ministers are buying their retirement home now. Others choose not to become involved in letting, etc., and prefer buying a home closer to retirement. Unless ministers use other opportunities to provide for the inevitable purchase of a retirement home they should now seriously consider putting a meaningful sum aside regularly in a Home Acquirement arrangement. It is believed that with the substantial increases in the price of houses and (as inflation worldwide has not yet been beaten) the uncertainty of what further may happen in both areas, ministers could do well to take heed of the signs and act.

By setting up the Home Acquirement Fund "B" several years ago the Church has created a way of helping ministers save up the 'nest egg' which would assist them in the future when they need a retirement home. This recognises the responsibility of Ministers planning and saving towards their retirement home. The Board is not aware of any minister who has totally relied on the 75% commutation provision for the basic funds for a retirement home.

The 1983 Conference recognised that under the new Superannuation legislation the Home Acquirement Funds "A" and "B" which until 31 January 1983 were administered as part of the Supernumerary Fund had to be administered and managed separately. The Board has placed the funds in the Home Acquirement Fund "A" and the Home Acquirement Fund "B" within a Retirement Property Account.

The P.D. & L. has in recent years been able to supply loans for retirement housing purposes to ministers who were 7 years or less from retirement, to enable them to buy a retirement home earlier than at actual retirement. Repayment of the loan occurred at retirement. It was envisaged to extend this facility by lowering the age from 58 to 55 - that is, 10 years from normal retirement. Further consideration will be given in the next year or so to the Fund's ability, and the ways and means of assisting with retirement loan finance.

PROVIDENT FUND FOR RETIREMENT PROPERTY

As a significant first step in responding to the changing circumstances the Board proposes a new Fund which will be a continuation of Home Acquisition Fund "B" in another form. What is envisaged is that this Fund (administered by the Board of Administration as Trustee) will accept regular or occasional contributions from ministers as trust funds. Such contributions to the Provident Fund for Retirement Property would be used for the pastoral purposes of the Church and in particular the support of ministers in their efforts to secure a retirement home. Cognisance will be taken by the Trustee of each individual minister's efforts when the minister needs to buy a retirement home.

Essentially each minister could expect to receive a retirement home grant from this Trust Fund which is greater than input, because all the earnings on funds investments will be added.

What is important to realise is that by contributing to the Fund in the way proposed and receiving grants as proposed the participants have no legal right on their contributions and the Fund has no legal obligation to pay out of the Fund to contributors. These rights and obligations are replaced by very strong moral rights and moral obligations. The Provident Fund for Retirement Property would also administratively be within the 'umbrella' of the Retirement Property Account of the Board.

A PROPOSAL TO CREATE A VERSATILE FUND COMBINING MINISTERS' RETIREMENT HOUSING FUND I.e. \$150,000 APPEAL FUND WITH THE MINISTERS' RETIREMENT HOME FUND

The year 1974 saw the introduction of the Government Superannuation Bill. The proposed changes in superannuation provisions created great interest amongst ministers, particularly also in connection with their retirement home requirements. The needs of ministers and deaconesses in that respect drew increased attention and the 1974 Conference found itself dealing with the subject in a variety of ways. (Refer 1974 Conference reports pp. 244-252.)

The Supernumerary Fund Board reported to the 1975 Conference:

A. "Ministers' Retirement Home Fund:

Thanks to the initiative of Mr E.A. Crothall, this Fund has been established.

At June 30, 1975 the Fund stood at \$29,000.

Preliminary sketch plans for the first three of a number of modular

units to be erected have been submitted to the Board.

Negotiations are proceeding with the South Island Children's Home Board and the Christchurch Central Mission for the erection of the first units on land owned by the Children's Home Board. The land would be leased and this would reduce the initial cost. The erection of the units in this locality would ensure geriatric care, if and when necessary."

The Revised Laws and Regulations now describes this Fund as:

LAW BOOK, SECTION 8:

9. 1 There shall be a Ministers' Retirement Home Fund.

9. 2 The Fund shall be administered by the Board of Administration under its Constitution.

9. 3 The functions of the Fund shall be:

(1) To purchase, lease or otherwise acquire land on which to provide residences or flats, services and equipment for homes for Methodist Ministers when they become permanent Supernumeraries and for the widows of such Supernumerary Ministers.

(2) All such other matters and things as may be incidental to or connected with the foregoing purposes.

B. Ministers' Retirement Housing Fund, i.e. - \$150,000 Appeal:

In 1975 the Supernumerary Fund Board reported to Conference:

"The Board has been greatly encouraged by the response of District Synods to the Appeal authorised by the 1974 Conference for \$50,000 for each of the next three years to enable special assistance to be given to ministers retiring during the next few years and faced with steeply rising costs in properties. All ten Synodal Districts have accepted an allocation equivalent to their percentage share of the Connexional Budget."

SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS

A. Ministers' Retirement Home Fund

Research indicated that very few ministers wish to retire in Christchurch and also that those who did were able and determined to buy their own retirement home. No interest to occupy a retirement house as envisaged was found to exist.

Another difficulty was that the only land for lease available was at Harewood Road (Children's Home) and further that the design of the proposed modular units did not encounter any enthusiasm from possible "occupiers" and finally did not meet the full approval of the County building authorities. Consequently the original plans to build in Christchurch were abandoned.

It was subsequently suggested that the funds be used to buy two units in Auckland - Central Mission's Everil Orr Homes site, but this plan did not find favour either.

In the meantime the funds were invested and grew to stand at \$54,460 by the end of January 1982. In 1982 in response to the need of

a minister a Unit was purchased and made available on a rental basis for as long as needed. When a minister (or spouse) has needs of a similar arrangement the Fund through refinancing is willing as much as possible to respond - the property being obtained when and where needed. When no longer required the property can be sold. The current value of the Fund is \$6,000 plus the Unit.

B, Ministers' Retirement Housing Fund - \$150,000 Appeal

In accordance with the wish of the 1975 Conference the Supernumerary Fund Board made arrangements that as from 1 February 1976 out of this Fund provisions to the minister would be by way of an interest free loan, to be repaid on the death of the last survivor of the minister and spouse. From gifts and interest earned the Fund finally reached its target during the 1981/82 financial year (of the Supernumerary Fund) and stood at \$156,822.55 as at 31 January 1982.

Grants and interest free loans have been made to 46 ministers to a total amount of \$80,630 leaving still \$76,192.55 available for lending. Meanwhile each year's Conference had received a report on the operation and results of the Fund. Conference 1978 decided that the Board of Administration review the operation of the Fund and the rules by which it operates. This was done and reported to the 1979 Conference. (Refer 1979 Conference report pp. 321 and 322.) As a result the formula to establish the amount of loan entitlement was amended by reducing the \$100 reduction from the 1975 base to \$50 from the 1975 base, effective from 31 January 1980. Loans from the amount still presently available will be subject to this entitlement provision.

In January 1983 seven loans were made totalling \$12,950 (average \$1,850).

SOME FACTS FIGURES, AND IMPLICATIONS

- (a) Prior to 31 January 1976 (11) grants were made, not loans. These grants totalled \$16,980, which amount therefore is not recoverable.
- (b) As from 1 February 1976 thirtyfive loans were made totalling \$64,650, of which one loan of \$800 was repaid leaving \$63,850 recoverable from thirtyfour loans.
- (c) In January 1984 two loans were made totalling \$3,860.

All in all, the \$150,000 Appeal Fund seems to have filled a need. Its significance, however, is decreasing as the cost of housing has soared and loans of less than \$2,000 become very small compared with mortgage loans now generally required to buy a suitable home. Also, the improvement in ministers' stipends in recent years and national superannuation are diminishing the need for the type of assistance offered. In fact, many ministers feel that in their present circumstances they are not inclined to avail themselves of the opportunity to obtain and accept a small loan as they wish at retirement to have a debt free home.

As the loans are only recoverable after the death of both spouses and are interest free it is obvious that with the effluxion of time the Fund will have little effective use because inflation has eroded its value immensely.

THE PROPOSAL

From 1 February 1986 it is proposed to amalgamate
the Ministers' Retirement Home Fund
and the Ministers' Retirement Housing Fund (\$150,000) into
MINISTERS' RETIREMENT HOME FUND

This amalgamation is seen as being the first step towards providing a more flexible fund. For example, a small "pool" of homes could be available for rental, and the remaining funds supplemented by rents and interest would be available for advances and investment. When no longer required in one location, a home could be sold and replaced with one in another location where it is needed. This possibility of buying and selling properties in different locations provides additional choice for those retiring ministers who are seeking long-term rental accommodation.

The Ministers' Retirement Home Fund is also seen as under the administrative 'umbrella' of the Retirement Property Account. Consequently the several Funds under the umbrella can provide significant regrouped resources towards retirement home needs. As indicated earlier in this report it also is capable of further development as it is outside the present Superannuation Fund. When one door is closed another opens or can be assisted to open.

SUMMARY

Initiative for the provision of a retirement home is with ministers, including year of purchase in relation to planned retirement. The Church, through its various Funds can assist with some finance to enable planning and decision-making by ministers:

- * The Supernumerary Fund - essentially a pension fund - commutation at retirement can be a source of some funds for retirement housing needs.
- * P.D. & L. Loans prior to retirement - for retirement house loans but related to cash available at the time of retirement.
- * Voluntary contributions to existing Housing Fund "B" - which offers a sound home saving scheme based on current investment returns with capital accretion

OR

the proposed Provident Fund for Retirement Property offers an improved arrangement with the issues of personal tax included, as the minister would effectively have parted with the contribution. Also, there would be no legal obligation to each contributor but a strong moral one. (This could also apply to spouse and dependent children.) A situation of trust would be intended between the Board of Administration and each contributor.

- * At the time of retirement in very exceptional circumstances the Winstone Fund can make a grant towards the provision of a retirement home.
- * During retirement the Winstone Fund is able to respond to need with modest grants (several hundred dollars).

- * Through the Ministers' Retirement Home Fund the Church can respond to need with rental accommodation. (Its ability to do so would be strengthened by the monies from the \$150,000 Appeal.)

Other Institutions can also assist

- * Housing Corporation - Tied Housing Loans
- * Savings Banks - for those who have a savings history
- * Solicitors

It is intended to produce a resource kit FINANCING YOUR RETIREMENT HOME, to assist ministers in their long-term financial planning.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received,
2. That the balance of the Ministers Retirement Housing Fund (\$150,000 Appeal monies) as at 1/2/1986 be paid into the Ministers Retirement Home Fund.
3. That the Board report further to Synods and Conference 1985 on Retirement housing needs.

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GENERAL

1. That the Financial Statements for the following Funds administered by the Board of Administration be received and adopted:
 - (a) Board of Administration
 - (b) Church Building and Loan Fund
 - (c) Supernumerary Fund
 - (d) Lay Workers' Retiring Fund
 - (e) Supernumeraries Benevolent Fund
 - (f) Deferred Stipend
 - (g) Board of Administration Ministers Property Account
 - (h) General Purposes Trust Fund
 - (i) Presbyters, Deacons and Lay Workers Loan Fund
 - (j) Connexional Expenses Fund
 - (k) Removal Expenses Fund
 - (l) Board of Administration Insurance Account
 - (m) Connexional Fire Insurance Fund
 - (n) Connexional Budget
 - (o) Ministers Retirement Home Fund
 - (p) Ministers Retiring Housing Appeal Fund

REPORT ON THE 1983-1984 CONNEXIONAL BUDGET

As usual, the account was held open after the close of the financial year to receive late payments from all Parishes. The date at which late payments ceased was 31st July.

(i) PAYMENT TO DIVISIONS AND FUNDS

All "Guaranteed" were paid in full. The "Non-Guaranteed" were paid 95.66835%.

Comparative figures of previous years are:-

	<u>Guaranteed</u>	<u>Non-Guaranteed</u>	<u>Percentage Paid To</u> <u>Non-Guaranteed</u>
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>%</u>
1983-1984	56,370	802,945	95.67
1982-1983	168,680	607,052	87.92
1981-1982	155,256	705,118	90.47
1980-1981	360,783	487,481	93.78
1979-1980	296,318	431,881	96.06
1978-1979	259,016	378,063	97.49
1977-1978	201,627	334,448	95.52

(ii) RECEIPTS from Circuit and Union Parishes (including District Expenses)

	<u>Allocations</u>	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>%</u>
*1983-1984	873,402	830,993	95.14
#1982-1983	893,309	803,557	89.95
1981-1982	821,483	752,904	91.65
1980-1981	890,237	828,341	93.05
1979-1980	754,839	724,170	95.94
1978-1979	653,178	626,119	95.86
1977-1978	573,708	555,584	96.84

(iii) RESULTS

	<u>Fully Paid</u>		<u>Not Fully Paid</u>	
(a)	<u>Circuits</u>	<u>Union Parishes</u>	<u>Circuits</u>	<u>Union Parishes</u>
1983-1984	87	55	14	35
1982-1983	67	52	29	40
1981-1982	69	48	28	44
1980-1981	60	52	37	38
1979-1980	74	59	24	30
1978-1979	82	55	20	28
1977-1978	81	56	24	19

(b) Percentage of Budget Allocation Reached:-

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Contri- bution</u>	<u>Circuits</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Contri- bution</u>	<u>Union Parishes</u>
			<u>%</u>			<u>%</u>
*1983-1984	693,152	672,295	96.99	180,250	158,698	88.04
#1982-1983	699,388	666,008	95.09	191,583	138,539	72.31
1981-1982	663,385	618,856	93.29	158,098	134,048	84.78
1980-1981	703,595	667,319	94.84	492,775	425,791	86.41
1979-1980	605,080	585,965	96.84	389,538	356,554	91.53
1978-1979	533,659	516,461	96.78	330,059	296,440	89.81
1977-1978	481,026	469,116	97.52	243,169	228,639	94.02

NOTE * 1983/84 figures DO NOT include any adjustment for removal Fund \$41,671 levied separately.
(previous year \$42,525) #.

PAYMENTS TO DIVISIONS AND FUNDS 1983-1984

GUARANTEED	ALLOCATION	PAYMENT	
	\$	\$	
Churches Education Commission	5,770	5,772	
National Council of Churches	12,281	12,282	
N.C.C. University Chaplaincies	13,120	13,122	
N.C.C. Programme to Combat Racism	7,350	7,350	
E.S.O.D.	700	700	
J.N.C.C.E. and J.C.C.U.	7,910	7,912	
World Council of Churches	2,573	2,573	
W.C.C. Programme to Combat Racism	630	630	
Christian Conference of Asia	640	640	
Pacific Conference of Churches	515	515	
Oversea Travel Fund	1,575	1,575	
World Methodist Council	368	368	
Power Sharing Seminar - asking - required	3,230	2,931	
	<u>\$ 56,662</u>	<u>\$ 56,370</u>	Paid 100%
NON-GUARANTEED FUNDS	ALLOCATION	PAYMENT	
	\$	\$	
Connexional Expenses	77,921	74,546	
Education Division	78,375	74,980	
Board of Administration	61,190	58,540	
Development Division	108,845	104,130	
Maori Division	138,778	132,767	
Overseas Division	252,020	241,103	
Communications Committee	22,540	21,563	
Theological College	29,192	27,928	
	<u>\$768,861</u>	<u>\$735,557</u>	Paid 95.66%
Overseas Aid			
1½% Amount Received from Parishes	13,219	12,467	
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$838,742</u>	<u>\$804,394</u>	Paid 95.90%

A.K. Woodley, General Secretary

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Report be received.

REPORT OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

1. THE REVIEW COMMITTEE The visit to the Administration Division took place over three full days - Monday to Wednesday, June 18 to 20, 1984. Those appointed to the task by the Faith and Order Committee, and approved by the President, were: Revd Percy Rushton (convener), Superintendent of Timaru Methodist Parish, ex-President of the Conference; Mrs Joan Lawry, retired teacher, Invercargill Circuit Steward; Mrs Pat Teague, Assistant Secretary of North Canterbury Synod, District M.W.F. President; Revd Barry Harkness of South-East Christchurch Union Parish; Mr Peter Hanna, Area Manager of the ANZ Banking Group for Otago-Southland; Revd Evan Lewis, Superintendent of Invercargill Circuit.

The Review Committee was given every co-operation by the Board of the Division, the General Secretary, and staff. We met with the General Secretary and the Chairman of the Board, separately and together, and with the General Secretary and his wife and family; we spent time with the staff in two different groupings, and with some staff members singly. We were present during some of the regular business of a Board Meeting, and engaged in discussion with Board members.

2. WORK OF THE DIVISION The Board of Administration provides administration, accounting, clerical, and secretarial services for:

The Connexional Expenses Fund

The Connexional Banking Arrangement A connexional arrangement that facilitates bridging loans and emergency finance; provides income for the Connexional Budget.

The Insurance Account Arranges insurance for Methodist property on the basis of a single policy for the whole Church.

The Connexional Fire Insurance Account A holding account from the earlier insurance scheme.

The General Purposes Trust Board Holds bequests, legacies, and trusts on behalf of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

The Church Building and Loan Fund

Presbyters, Deacons, and Lay Workers Fund Provides a variety of loans to ministers and full-time lay workers.

The Budget Account

The Supernumerary Fund

The Removal Expenses Fund

- * The Investment Board Provides investment oversight and advice to Parishes and Trusts; exercises on behalf of Conference the consent of the Conference for commercial properties (delegated from CB&L Fund Committee).
- * The Methodist Trust Association A co-operative venture of church organisations dealing in the money market and property; actively involved in the development of commercial church property.
- * The Provident Society Funds lodged by individuals; facilitates church members' loans to parishes for special purposes; returns surplus income to Conference for allocation.

* Prince Albert College Trust Educational Purposes.

* Trinity Theological College Council.

The starred bodies have separate autonomy from the Board, though with some of them there is considerable overlap of personnel.

Twenty-six properties are managed directly by the Board, with 95 substantial tenancies. The number of trusts with the General Purposes Trust Board is 85. All told, funds and properties totalling more than \$20 million are managed.

Other work of the Division includes the Church Building and Loan Fund's supervision of local property development in parishes; interaction with the Inland Revenue Department on matters of minister's allowances; holding titles to church property; printing (in-house, information leaflets, Conference handbooks, etc); archives (care, indexing, search etc); secretarial services to Conference; liaison with Synods. The General Secretary has an important responsibility for the pastoral care of ministers in their relationship to the Conference, its Pastoral Committee and General Purposes Committee. He fulfils a representative role for the Church in relation to Government, and in other spheres. He plays a prominent part in ecumenical relationships, in particular in the NCUC (formerly JNCCE).

Members of the Review Committee ought to have been aware from Conference reports of the scope of the Division's services to the Church, but they found themselves unprepared for the reality. We have gained a new respect for the contribution to the life of the Church of the Board of Administration and the General Secretary.

The preceding catalogue represents a vast increase in the scale of the Division's responsibilities. The change comes not from a multiplication of work internally, but by picking up tasks previously handled elsewhere (finance and property management, own insurance scheme, printing, etc). Centralisation has brought improved management, financial saving, and additional income to support the work of the Church. It has also set people free for other tasks in the mission of the Church. The Review Committee believes that this has been a proper development, and does not accept an alternative viewpoint that it is somehow more fitting for the Church's funds and property to be managed with less than full efficiency.

The relief of pressure on the Connexional Budget has been one important fruit of the Division's management. Much increased alternative support for theological education through the Probert Trust is only one example. Without these developments we would have seen either a drastic reduction in the work that the Connexional Budget makes possible, or else the raising of budget assessments to a level that parishes would find intolerable.

3. STAFF

The work is done by an efficient staff amounting to about 9 full-time equivalents. This staff is highly motivated, and often works under considerable pressure. Staff turnover is low, which is indicative of job-satisfaction and good working relationships. There is a large volume of correspondence to and from parishes, some of it occasioning frustration on either side,

but it is the staff's consistent endeavour to give the best possible service to the Church.

The computerisation of large areas of the accounting work has been an essential development, but the working-through of this change has itself made extra demands on staff.

The Division is fortunate to have enthusiastic and very competent part-time and voluntary assistance in diverse fields - archives, records, legal, commercial, printing, etc - both in Christchurch and in Auckland.

The Board of Administration itself commands a wide range of competence, and is an effective body for oversight of the Division's operations. We are pleased that it includes a number of people from outside Christchurch, and that it has women members and Maori members.

Because structures have undergone such rapid growth and change, we are led to suggest to the Board that at some stage an independent Management Consultant should be employed, to check whether everything is now being done in the office in the best possible way.

4. GENERAL SECRETARY The Committee is concerned at the heavy load carried by the General Secretary, and the long hours he works. In part this is a reflection of his own commitment to the task, and the contribution he wants to make to the Church. It also relates to the fact that so much of the work of the Division has a pastoral dimension that invites his direct personal involvement. The complexity of the total operation seems to demand someone to see and relate to it as a whole.

The failure, so far, to appoint a new Finance Manager adds to the problem.

We do not see a satisfactory solution in separating the roles of General Secretary and Secretary of Conference. Much of the work relating to Conference - other than that done by Conference staff - is done in a routine fashion in the office. Separation of the positions would open up a whole new block of necessary communication between the Conference Secretary and the General Secretary. This would create a threat to practical efficiency, and would not do much to lighten the General Secretary's load.

We begin to feel that a ten-year term in this position is as much as the Church should expect from any individual. It may not be so easy, however, to find a replacement for Mr Woodley when the time comes. He has brought to the job a surprising store of relevant knowledge, and has quickly learned a great deal more. He functions well in the commercial environment, and has no difficulty winning the respect of those with whom he has to deal.

We asked questions about the pastoral care of the General Secretary and his family. We are satisfied that they are receiving care, and we have no particular recommendations to make in this area.

5. OBJECTS AND FUNCTIONS The objects and functions of the Division are stated in sections 9.1.2 and 9.1.3 of the Law Book. Objects 1 and 4 are general, and do not relate to this Division in an exclusive way. Function 7 is a catch-all prescription. But, in general, the Review Committee concludes that the stated objects and functions provide an appropriate agenda for the Division, and that the Division is, indeed, fulfilling them, in great measure.

6. STANDARDS The Review Committee was not in a position to make a detailed scrutiny of the performance of particular funds, or particular areas of property management, but we have a strong impression of professionalism and efficiency in all areas and, of course, the published results tend to speak for themselves.

We have seen the Board of Administration in action, and it impresses us as being well-equipped, ready to test proposals put before it, and able to come to wise decisions.

The Board is aware that a church body should operate in the market place in a way that does not bring reproach. It does not let purely commercial considerations automatically over-ride less quantifiable Church objectives. It is sensitive to Church objections to certain kinds of investment.

7. POWER Power in the Church is a subject of active debate at the present time. The Church will continue to wrestle with this theme, hoping at last to learn to do the right things for the right reasons - in service of a Lord who was ready to die rather than take coercive power over other people, even for their own good.

It is understandable that questions are asked about the power of an expanded Administration Division and its associated Boards and Trusts. Such questions are proper in relation to this, and all our Divisions, Boards, and Committees, as well as to Conference itself. By reason of its central place in the life of the Church and the tasks entrusted to it by Conference, and also because of its own understanding of its role, the Administration Division does exercise considerable power within the Connexion.

It is probably fair to say, however, that the amount of coercive power wielded by the Administration Division is about the same as it ever was. What has happened in recent times is a dramatic growth, not of power but of service. The concentration of effective, efficient, and professional management service within and around the Administration Division is no threat to any part of the Connexion. We see it, rather, as a major gift to the Church.

We have little doubt that there are other substantial blocks of finance and property management in the Church which could with benefit, and without loss of autonomy, take advantage of the services here offered. We would like to see the Church explore this possibility. If it means some addition to staff (funded from a charge for services performed) this should give no concern.

The opinion is sometimes expressed that the church has no business to function in the realm of property and finance; that it

should divest itself of all possessions, and seek to serve in poverty. The Administration Division itself, of course, has no power to divert Trust resources from their stated objectives. Such matters of high policy are in any case the prerogative of Conference. The Division must act within the boundaries determined by Conference.

8. CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND Heightened interest in the functions of the Administration Division is often engendered when a parish finds it must interact with the Church Building and Loan Fund over property matters. The CB&L Fund, as a Committee of the Board of Administration, exercises a supervisory role in this area, on behalf of the Connexion.

The Committee's intervention, when a new development is contemplated, is not arbitrary. It tries to ensure that the parish first clarifies its strategy relating to worship, nurture, fellowship, education, and mission, and then produces the most appropriate plans for creative use of buildings and space. The process can work very well when the parish begins with an open mind, and calls the wider church into consultation at an early stage.

Dissatisfaction can arise when parishes are not prepared to do their part well. But it can also spring from the remoteness of the Division from the situation; from misunderstanding of the intentions of the Division; from delays entailed in an ongoing correspondence with a committee that meets only monthly; and from general communication problems.

It makes the interaction much easier if the General Secretary is able to visit the parish personally. The Review Committee is glad that this is happening more often, but appreciates the danger of further overloading the General Secretary.

We believe that there is much to be gained from decentralising this supervisory role to the District or regional level, where things can be worked out in face-to-face contact. Such decentralisation depends on building up District Property Committees to the point where they are equipped to handle the strategy considerations, as well as to give expert guidance in relation to plans and buildings. Some regions may be best served by Property Committees that cross District boundaries. We would like to see priority given to the strengthening of District - or regional - Property Committees.

A related area in which there can be parish unhappiness at Administration Division decisions is the disposal of funds from the sale of property. It seems to us very much a step in the right direction that the question of a contribution to the Sector Ministries Fund is to be decentralised and made a matter of discussion between a parish and the District.

The Board's policy in relation to funds from property sale, otherwise, is that whatever will not be expended in the near future on agreed new development should be placed in the Church Building and Loan Fund at low interest return. It can then be made available by way of loan to other parishes with more immediate needs. However reasonable this may sound, it can engender a lot of local anger,

particularly where a parish knows it eventually needs all its resources and more for necessary development. The local instinct is to protect the value of funds against the effects of inflation, while plans are developed. The policy can also create distortions in local planning when the question of "what will happen to the money" is raised.

Nothing does more to spoil the image of the Administration Division in the eyes of ordinary Methodists and members of co-operative ventures, than an unhappy experience in communication with the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee over matters of property and finance. Local leaders have a responsibility to try to understand, and interpret to their people, the motivations of the Division in its search for excellence, and its desire to see the whole Church prosper. It is not possible to take all the pain out of these interactions. But we think the Division should be quick to detect the limits of what is possible in a particular situation, and to make compromises - especially where not too much is at stake, or where a different way round may lead eventually to more or less the same destination.

9. SUPERNUMERARY FUND Another point at which ministers, in particular, give close attention to the work of the Board of Administration is the management of the Supernumerary Fund. A compulsory levy of 10% of stipend is felt as a heavy impost, particularly by younger ministers.

This Fund has had to make up ground from an earlier time when contributions were at an inadequate level. In recent years dramatic progress has been made in the level of benefits, and advance is expected to continue. The Fund is a mutual one, and is tailored to the diverse needs of ministers and their spouses, in a way that would not be possible under other arrangements. There is a three-yearly actuarial review, and actuarial reports underline the strength of the Fund.

Pastoral considerations lead the Review Committee to endorse present directions in relation to the Supernumerary Fund. We feel that more attention might be given to public relations directed to the participants. An interpreted annual report, sent direct to participants, would be well received.

10. CO-OPERATION Thoughtlessness on the part of Methodists at large often adds to the load Administration Division staff have to carry. Letters seeking information from parishes sometimes go unanswered. Where payments could be made by direct credit or automatic payment, but parishes insist on sending cheques, unnecessary work is created. We think the Division deserves the best co-operation parishes are able to give.

11. CONCLUSION We offer the following specific suggestions for the consideration of the Board of Administration:
- 1) That an interpreted report of the Superannuation Fund be sent annually, by the Trustees of the Fund, direct to participants.
 - 2) That the Board give some priority to the efficient decentralisation of decision-making in relation to parish property development.
 - 3) That an information leaflet be circulated for the benefit of those engaged in local property projects. It should explain the motivation and nature of Connexional involvement in such discussions, and indicate what procedures should best be followed, and what contacts made.
 - 4) That, recognising the rapid changes that have taken place over recent years, and the greatly increased workload of the Connexional Office, the Board at a suitable time employ an independent Management Consultant to review the functioning of the Office.

We offer the following specific suggestions for consideration in the wider Church:

- 1) That advantage be taken, wherever possible and appropriate, of the professional skill in finance and property management that has been developed in the Administration Division and associated Boards.
- 2) That priority be given to the strengthening of District or regional Property Committees so that they are equipped to guide parishes in explorations of strategy, and in practical questions relating to property maintenance and development; and are therefore able to take greater responsibility for connexional decision-making in this area.

NOTE The contents of this report have been shared with the General Secretary and the Board of Administration.

P.P. Rushton, Convener of the Review Committee
E.R. Lewis, Secretary.

LAW REVISION COMMITTEE
REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1984

Following the adoption by Conference 1983 of the amended Law presented to that Conference, the Committee's task of revising the whole of the Church Law, which it has undertaken over the last few years, has been completed and, as a result, there is less amended Law presented to Conference 1984.

The principal task given to the Committee was, in conjunction with the Committee on Ministry, to consider the Wellington Synod concerns regarding cessation of Ministry contained in the new Law presented to Conference 1983. This task has been carried out, and as a result the Committee reported to Synods, and now reports, that as a result of such revision, some amendments are included in the revised Law presented this year. However, both Committees (Law Revision and Ministry) see some necessary overlapping between the various provisions of the Law Book as cessation of Ministry may occur in a number of ways. The different methods allow for this, but preserve consistency.

The Committee has also looked at some additional provisions relating to Lay Preachers, following representations from them, and has also considered and incorporated the provisions relating to the new Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation, which is the new overseas Missions body formed jointly with the Presbyterian Church, and has considered various questions of principle, Law related, affecting the Church as a whole. These include questions relating to Land Tax : many Conference members may be aware that the Dunedin Methodist Mission is currently engaged in litigation with Inland Revenue regarding assessment of land tax in respect of its properties. The outcome of that case is awaited with interest, as a decision adverse to the Church could have wide implications.

After studying a decision of the High Court of Great Britain to the effect that a British Methodist Minister is not an "employee" of that Church, the Committee considers that Conference should confirm that that decision is also the position in New Zealand, and has accordingly inserted a provision at the beginning of Section 2 in the Law Book to that effect.

Following recent practice, the amendments to the Law being presented to this Conference will be considered by a Conference Law Revision Committee, and (incorporating any amendments that Committee might suggest) will then be presented to an early session of the Conference to lie on the table, where the amendments can be checked by any member wishing to do so, with the intention of presenting the amendments for adoption as late as reasonably practicable within the life of the Conference.

Members of both the Standing and Conference Law Revision

Committees are thanked for their not inconsiderable time given to work relating to keeping the Church Law in an up-to-date form. Such work is often tedious, but as a result of it the Committee believes that the Church now has a Law Book which largely reflects its life and practice, printed in a format that can accommodate changes as they occur, and which should be of real assistance in the life of the Church when things get "technical".

G.H. PEAK - CONVENOR

RECOMMENDATIONS:-

- A For presentation at an early session of the Conference:
 - 1. That the report be received.
 - 2. That the amendments to the Law proposed by the Standing Law Revision Committee and the Conference Law Revision Committee, be received and lie on the table until a later session of this Conference.
 - B After a full presentation at a later session of the Conference:
 - 3. That the amendments to the Law now presented to the Conference be incorporated into the Law Book and that Conference confirms that the Law of the Church, including the amendments referred to this Resolution, be as printed in the Law Book.
- N.B. This resolution, being deemed to affect the rights of the Ministry or Layity to be passed by a two-thirds majority).
- 4. That the Committee for 1985 be

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

RADIO RHEMA

The 1983 Conference requested the Committee to review this year the question of the Methodist Church's relationship to Radio Rhema, a private religious broadcasting warrant holder in New Zealand.

The Methodist Church's position with regard to private religious radio was expressed in the report of the then Radio and Television Committee's report to the 1976 Conference. It was last debated by the Conference in 1977, where the concerns expressed in 1976 were re-affirmed and the Conference again declined to offer its formal endorsement of Rhema's applications for broadcasting warrants.

Since 1976, Radio Rhema has been granted broadcasting warrants in various parts of the country, and since that date the North Canterbury District Synod has had a Synod representative on Radio Rhema's Christchurch Churches' Advisory Board. More recently a request has been made to other District Synods for similar appointments to be made. Other enquiries have also been received asking this Committee to restate the Methodist Church's relationship with Radio Rhema. Reassessment is therefore desirable, and policy made clear to meet the present circumstances.

Briefly, and amongst others, the concerns endorsed by the 1976 Conference were:

That in discussing evangelism, our Church has emphasised it believes that religion touches the whole of life. Radio Broadcasting purely for religious purposes can have the effect of isolating religion from the world of where it is a part, and where it must witness.

The licensing of private religious radio stations may open the way for the media to be owned by other sectional interests. Overseas experience indicates this would not be in the good interests of the community at large.

Private radio is controlled by groups of individuals who set their own standards, doctrinal and professional. These standards or emphases they bring are not necessarily the standards and emphases of the Methodist Church in New Zealand. Whilst individuals involved in such stations may be members of

individual denominations, they are not appointed by them, and are therefore not accountable to them.

For this moment, we believe these three particular concerns remain valid in considering our Church's attitudes to the applications and broadcasting of any of the various warrant holders - in this particular instance, Radio Rhema.

In addition to these concerns, due regard must be paid to the overall resources of our Church. In light of the present limitations of personnel and financial resources presently available to meet already established priority commitments, we believe the Conference must continue to hesitate in offering its endorsement and/or committing its resources further, unless fully convinced that the objectives are those of the whole Church.

The Methodist Church's relationship to Radio Rhema is therefore similar to that of our relationship with many other independent Christian organisations which exist in New Zealand for various missionary or philanthropic purposes. Recognising the ethos, priorities, emphases, and resources of our Church it is neither necessary, nor often appropriate for the Conference to be lending its formal support to each and every Christian body.

At the same time, this ought not be misconstrued as our Church necessarily being in opposition to particular projects, nor inhibit the freedom of individual Methodist members, or District Synods to become personally involved. But such involvement is not an expression of formal endorsement by the Conference. The Committee believes this is an important matter of detail which for the sake of future precedent needs to be observed.

Regretfully, no response was received from five of the eleven District Synods when this section of the report was presented in August. Those responses received have been widely varied. Most have concurred, although one Synod believed the Conference should express a more firmly opposed position, while yet another sought a more positive relationship to Radio Rhema, which would reflect they believed, the "catholicity" of Methodism.

Although we have carefully considered the response of Synods, the Committee's concerns remain and we are presenting to Conference the original report and recommendation intact. The Committee is not persuaded that "catholicity" requires an expression of formal endorsement by the Conference of every Christian project or ministry.

RELATIONSHIP TO EDUCATION DIVISION

No recommendations will be made to this year's Conference concerning the further development of a media and communications resource unit as part of the Methodist Education Division.

The Committee continues to affirm in principle the desirability of this option, but recognises the present limited financial resources of the Connexion which, at least for this moment, will inhibit this option from being realised in the immediate future. The question will be kept under active review.

FOCUS

This year the publication of "Focus" has been established in Wellington.

Although its size and frequency present severe limitations to its overall effectiveness, it appears to be receiving an appreciative response throughout the Connexion. Its frequency is governed both by pragmatic distribution factors and financial liquidity.

It is both the voice of the people called Methodist, and also the voice of the Connexion. This will invariably mean that from time to time as it deals with various issues in the life of our Church, there will be conflicting interests and opinions expressed within its pages. This is a creative tension for the paper to be living within, and reflects the worth of the publication to the wider Church.

We are grateful for the commitment the Editor, the Rev. Derek McNicol, makes to this publication.

CO-ORDINATION OF METHODIST PUBLICATIONS

For the present, there is no one point in the life of the Methodist Church from where "who publishes", and "what is published" in the name of the Connexion is co-ordinated.

On the initiative of the Law Revision Committee, discussions have been held this year to explore the appropriate structure within which such co-ordination and necessary publishing protection could be afforded. The Law Revision Committee will be making its own report to Conference when this matter can be resolved.

VIDEO TAPE PURCHASES

The Committee has purchased two video-taped series of study material for "on loan" use throughout the Church.

They are: "Jesus Then and Now", a series of twelve programmes hosted by the Rev. David Watson, exploring the facts of Jesus life and death, and his relevance and appeal. The second is "A Mind Behind it All", a series of six studies in John's gospel hosted by Professor E.A. Blaiklock. Study material is available for both series.

Both series are professionally produced and presented, and further information concerning the programmes and details of

arrangements for borrowing are available from the Convenor, P.O.Box 51-019, Tawa.

SUNDAY ADVERTISING

On behalf of the Methodist Church the Committee has made submissions opposing the applications presently before the Broadcasting Tribunal seeking the introduction of Sunday advertising in radio and television broadcasting.

We submitted that the introduction of Sunday advertising will unacceptably intrude on the rights of the individuals to preserve on at least one day the privacy of their homes from commercial intrusion; that New Zealand society affirms the priority of Sunday being a day set aside free for worship, rest, and recreation, which has consistently been the emphasis of the Christian Church; that Sunday advertising in broadcasting would be contrary to the firmly held beliefs and priorities of a substantial number of persons who are active members of the Christian Churches in New Zealand; that there are more socially desirable options available to the applicants which could supplement existing financial resources, and which ought to be more vigorously pursued by them.

However, at the change of Government in July, the incoming Minister of Broadcasting indicated the new Government's opposition to Sunday advertising, and the applications before the Tribunal have now been withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

For a variety of reasons, not everything hoped for by the Committee has been achieved in this past year. The matter relating to nuclear arms referred by last Conference is in the process of being referred to the Churches' Committee on Broadcasting for consideration as an ecumenical project, and there is still a great deal our Church could be doing to ensure that its use of the Media and other opportunities and means for effective communication are fully utilised.

A variety of training opportunities will again be made available throughout the Connexion this coming year. These include experience in religious broadcasting, parish communication workshops, and television awareness programmes. But the initiative to participate rests amongst the Districts themselves. We hope that in the new year, Districts will be prepared to make a more ready response to the opportunities available.

One matter is of particular concern. Over recent years this Committee has deliberately identified a wide range of professional and technical expertise and resources that are available to the Connexion. This is part of the responsibilities the Conference has charged it with. It is therefore disturbing when on increas-

ing occasions no consultation with this Committee is undertaken by groups which from time to time could make good use of the resources which could be offered to them. The result is often a haphazard and less than effective presentation of the Church's message.

MICHAEL GREER
Convenor

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the section of this report headed "Radio Rhema" be the 1984 Conference's response to questions concerning the relationship of the Methodist Church of New Zealand to Radio Rhema, and be the guidelines by which District Synods address themselves to this matter.
2. That the Committee for 1985 be ...

ROBERT GIBSON TRUST BOARD

The Trust reports that it has again had a good year.

The three dairy farms are producing well. The new sharemilkers that have been appointed to two of the farms are doing well, and we are very satisfied with their performances. They have brought enthusiasm and expertise to their work which is most pleasing.

The new cowshed and oxidisation ponds have been completed on the Auroa Road Farm. The cowshed is proving very functional and is operating up to expectations.

The second bridge, bridging the Awatuna Stream, has also been completed. We have now first class access right through this particular farm.

We have caught up on a good deal of delayed maintenance work on the Upper Riverlea Farm. We have painted the exterior of the dwelling on this particular farm and re-decorated the interior also.

Milk fat returns from the three farms is quite satisfactory.

The following grants, as approved by the Conference, were made during the year.

Wesley College	\$ 16,800
Other Secondary Schools	3,700
Polytechnic etc	1,550
University grants	7,350
Manaia Union Church	5,767
Youth Education Work	11,000
Child Care	5,500
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	\$ 51,667
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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
- 2.(a) That grants and bursaries for the 1984-85 year be made on the following basis:

Bursaries	\$ 35,000
Manaia (Robert Gibson Hall)	2,500
Child Care	6,000
Youth Work	16,500
Reserves ?	39,833

- (b) That the grant for Youth work be distributed in accordance with the terms of the approved scheme by the Education Division after consultation with the Board.
- (c) That the grant for Child Care be distributed in accordance with the terms of the approved scheme by the N.Z.M.S.S.A. after consultation with the Board.
3. That the financial statements for the year ended June 30th 1984 be received and adopted.
4. That the Board for 1984-1985 be:-
Mr J.P. Harding J.P. (Chairman), Connexional Secretary Rev. A.K. Woodley, Superintendent Taranaki-Wanganui District, Rev's L.V. Willing, W.F. Ford, J. Peill, Messrs S.W. Bailey, H.B. Duthie, N.P. Laursen, P. Bulfin, B. Busing, and the Finance Manager of the Church.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 1984

Membership

The College Council has met regularly with Rev. J A Penman continuing as chairman until February when he left to take up an exchange appointment in United States of America. Rev. D B Gordon took up the reins again as acting chairman during his absence. Rev. Rua Rakena returned to the Council after his year's leave and the President approved the appointment of Mr Frank Claridge who has undertaken the duties of Treasurer. Mr Ken Smith has continued as student's representative for a second year.

Students

The development of relationship between our college and the Theological Colleges of the South Pacific has proceeded in 1984 with the acceptance of two students from Tonga for a year's training. Again three of our students were able to spend their period of field education in Tonga and Western Samoa.

The reduction in the number of students offering for full-time training has enabled the Council to provide places for both lay people and ministers during 1984. Rev. Paulo Ieriko came on a scholarship from the Methodist Church of Samoa and those selected from applicants in New Zealand were: Rev. Henry Pate, Miss L Shekelton, Miss J Guest and Mr T Heretuku. The Council plans to continue this policy of encouraging lay participation in the life of the college, and welcomes applications from persons desiring a year of full-time study in 1985. Lay students are enrolled in college classes which meet their needs and are helped to identify other study opportunities and experiences in Auckland which will help them to achieve their goals for the year.

Arrangements were completed for Miss E Orevillo from the Philippines to come for a year's training in Christian education among deaf people. The Council is grateful to the Department of Education, and in particular the Auckland Teachers' College and Kelston School for the deaf, for their ready co-operation in making this venture possible.

The Council is pleased to report that efforts to provide our students with a special theology unit for 1984 have been successful. "Emphases in Methodist Theology" will be a paper for the L. Th. syllabus this year.

Grafton Properties

The Investment Board and the College Council continue to work together to plan the long-term development of the Grafton site.

A cash settlement was accepted by the Council in lieu of

In presenting the report to the St John's College Board of Governors in June, the Chairman of the Council emphasised the fact that the Methodist Church desires to continue the partnership in theological education on the St John's College site. The report reaffirms the present arrangement whereby the two colleges, each responsible to its own church courts, work together in a close association with shared student life and a joint faculty. It also suggests practical ways whereby this association can be more fruitful. It seeks to clarify areas of responsibility within the college, stresses the preservation of authentic theological and denominational diversity, and recommends improved procedures for consultation between the two churches and the appointment of staff

The report provides the basis for discussions with the Anglican Church so that the joint venture in residential theological education can be maintained and strengthened.

Finance

Student allowances for 1984 were paid as follows:

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| * Single students | \$1072 |
| * Married students | \$3216 |
| * Children: Pre school | \$ 544 |
| Primary | \$ 568 |
| Secondary | \$ 776 |
- * Book Allowances: First year \$250, Second and Third year \$350.

The accounting services provided by the Administration Division are operating efficiently.

Visit of Conference 1983

The College Council was very pleased to join the staff and students in being hosts to the members of the 1983 Conference when they visited the St John's College complex. It proved to be a most successful visit and brought the Connexion and the Theological College much closer together. The Council will continue to seek ways of developing this contact and deepening the relationship - theological training belongs to the whole church.

D B Gordon (Acting Chairman)

J R Osborn (Secretary)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The Council for 1985 be:
Rev. J A Penman (Chairman), Rev. B K Rowe (Principal), Revs. D B Gordon, N E Brookes, D J Bush, D S Mullan (Fieldworker), R D Rakena, Mesdames J van de Geer, J Young, Dr. C Small, Messrs F Claridge (Treasurer), C Fenwick, J Osborn, further names to be brought to Conference.

restoration of the Trinity College buildings when the Education Department's lease was terminated. Leigh and Richmond Houses have been leased for commercial use and the Council has made an application to the Town Planning Tribunal for continued commercial use of the main college building.

The Investment Board and the Council face real difficulties in developing such a valuable site for residential purposes. An adequate return to provide a reasonable income for ministerial and lay education could be achieved only by building high cost housing. Neither the Board nor the Council favours this kind of development. In the long-term, a mixture of medium cost residential and commercial use in which the Council, the Investment Board, and the Wesley College Trust Board could all be involved may be the solution to the problem.

Education Centre

The Trinity Presbyterian property has been acquired. Plans have been drawn up for the modification and extension of the buildings. Stage one of these renovations will enable the complex to be used for weekend retreats, educational events, and weekday and weeknight education. Stage two will provide accommodation for long-term lay students and short-term accommodation for home-setting students and ministers on study leave. Provision has been made in the 1984-5 budget for the appointment of a part-time Director who will be responsible for the day-to-day life and operation of the centre. He will be involved in planning programmes, relating to Methodist lay students studying in the college and consulting with the Principal on a variety of matters to ensure close contact between the centre and the college.

Staffing

As a result of its review the Council decided not to renew Dr. W J Stuart's appointment beyond 31st January 1985, and the President accepted his resignation from 1st April 1984 in order to take up a position in United States of America. In seeking a replacement for the Wesley Lecturer, the Council has agreed to ask for a supply appointment for 1985 while the overall staffing position and the job description for the lectureship are reviewed. A permanent appointment will be sought for 1986.

As already indicated, the Council hopes to be able to appoint a part-time Director for the Education Centre.

Review of Agreement

The 1983 Conference passed a resolution endorsing the Council's proposal to review the Agreement with the Anglican Church after ten years of working together. Mrs Joyce Dey, Rev. P Rushton and Mr G Hill joined the Council to carry out the review in February-March. The resulting report was presented to Church Council in April.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. During 1984 we have had thirty-five persons associated with the College as full-time college or home setting students. Of these 14 are preparing for ordination as presbyters, 7 are preparing for ordination as deacons and the remainder are lay students, overseas exchange students or are ordained:

We have 20 students resident in the college or studying full time. Of these:

- (a) 12 are candidates for ordination as Presbyters.
 - 1 is an ordained Presbyterian in the Maori Division, with us for one year.
 - 2 are students from Sia'atoutai Theological College, Tonga, with us for one year.
 - 3 are full-time lay students, two resident in the College and one living out.
 - 1 is a Christian Conference of Asia scholar with us for one year.
 - 1 is an ordained Samoan Methodist minister studying for a B.D.
 - 1 is studying for a Ph.D. in New Testament at Durham University.

Of the New Zealand students preparing for ordination, two are studying for B.D., one for S.Th., 8 for L.Th. and one for Ph.D.; 8 are men and 4 are women; one is Tongan-born and one is Samoan-born. The names of the students represent three new developments in our life. The decision to accept full time lay students for a one year course has proved to be successful and Miss Justine Guest, Miss Lesley Shekleton and Mr. Tangi Heretuku have benefitted from the year. Miss Ella Orevillo from the Philippines came to us as a C.C.A. scholar and we appreciate financial support given by the M.W.F. and Christian World Service. The decision by the Maori Division that The Rev. Henry Pate join us for a year of in-service education has benefitted him and the whole college who have appreciated his presence and influence. Mr. Paul Trebilco is making good progress with his studies at Durham University.

- (b) Within the home setting programme we have 8 preparing for ordination or recently ordained as presbyters (4 men and 4 women) and 7 for the diaconate (1 man and 6 women). In 1984 six are offering for ministries which will involve them in the home setting programme. We were saddened by the death of Mr. Malo Tiapu'e, an home-setting presbyter-in-training and join with the Church in expressing our sympathy to his wife and family and to the Petone congregation.

Each student works with an individual learning covenant drawing upon the L.Th., LAOS and other formal programmes along with self-directed study assignments related to the person's ministry. The most thorough and painstaking personal supervision is being given by a network of appointed supervisors and the Church and the College are indebted to them for their commitment. Most students are responding well to this commitment style of education. They have met together twice during the year for residential weekends. The Fieldworker has made several trips through the country and most students have been visited in their home settings more than once this year.

2. The total student group on the St. John's College complex includes 43 Anglican students including candidates for ordination, students from Melanesia, Taiwan and Uganda and some engaged in post-ordination education. In addition a large number of lay persons attend classes along with non-resident candidates for ordination within the Anglican Church and the Congregational Church of Samoa.
3. Mr. Kenneth Smith has been a most effective senior Methodist student. Three of our students visited Samoa and Tonga as part of our Pacific cultural exposure programme which has now become an established part of our work. A Methodist student retreat was held at Whakataora in the first term. This year the Methodism class has studied Methodist Emphases in Theology and students report that this has been very helpful, both in content and as part of team building for the Methodist group.

The Spirituality Task Group organised an important Spirituality Retreat/Workshop in Wanganui last November and this year is enabling and encouraging 3 similar retreats organised by regional groups.

4. The development of the Lay Education Centre - the appointment of a Director and the renovation of the building - is most encouraging and will enable us to provide more effective lay education opportunities.

Visitors to the College have included The President, Vice President and Dr. S. Amirthan (W.C.C.).

During the year, Dr. W.J. Stuart tendered his resignation and has returned to a position in the U.S.A. During his 4 years and 3 months with us, Dr. Stuart taught Systematic Theology and developed a particular interest in cross-cultural theologies. He was farewelled within the College when people had the opportunity to thank him for his contribution and wish him well in the future.

In addition to his work with home-setting students, The Rev. David Mullan has visited intending candidates to assist them and their parishes in the development of clear ministry roles conducted continuing education and ministry strategy seminars as requested, led an ordinand probationers gathering and overseen two residential Ministry Enrichment programmes. This latter programme offers a minister, normally as part of a group and opportunity to review her/his ministry and to set personal and educational goals for future effectiveness. The high demand for ministry resources of various kinds is now being met by video as well as audio cassette and printed materials. The College would like to increase its offerings of this kind. Dave has been encouraged to continue his involvement with the Home Budgeting Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Social Welfare as part of his overall ministry within the Church. During the year he completed, and the College published his book, "Diakonia and the Moa".

The Principal has taught classes in Christian Education, Preaching and Methodist Emphases in Theology and has overseen the Supervised Field Education programme. Along with his normal involvement with parishes and the Connexion, he has carried a more than usually heavy Sunday preaching load.

Within the Joint Faculty, Mr. Muru Walters, has been appointed as Lecturer in Maori Studies. The Rev. Francis Foulkes returned from sabbatical leave in July and Dr. Keith Carley commenced a sabbatical year in the same month. We were all saddened at the death of Cathy Pelly, younger daughter of Mrs. Jo and Dr. Raymond Pelly in the middle term.

5. We are grateful to the Trinity College Council, along with the President, The Rev. P. Rushton and Mrs. Joyce Dey, for the energy and time that has gone into the review of our partnership with the Anglican Church in residential ministerial education as agreed to by last Conference. It is gratifying that the report affirms the desirability of a strong continuing relationship between our Churches in ministerial education and gives guidance as to how the two colleges-in-one partnership can be made more effective. Without suggesting any basic policy changes, the Council is seeking to clarify matters of denominational accountability and initiative, the respective roles of Warden and Principal and curriculum matters. There is no intention of diminishing the shared student and teaching life - indeed it is felt that this can only grow stronger within a truly ecumenical setting where theological and heritage diversity is welcomed and the rights and initiatives of each Church are preserved.

Discussions with Anglican Governors have been warm and appreciation of our initiatives has frequently been expressed. One of the simplest and most accessible statements of the relationship between the two Churches and Colleges is found in the St. John's Handbook 1980-1984.

'AN ECUMENICAL SETTING FOR THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

The St. John's College site is home for two Theological Colleges working together in a unique relationship, preparing students who will take their place in the ordained ministry of the two Churches. When in 1971 the Methodist Church accepted the invitation of the Anglican Church to transfer its students, staff and library to Meadowbank, a unique venture in Theological Education began. A two-Colleges-in-one concept may not be easy to define in simple terms, but the living fact is that it works to the advantage of all. The position is summed up on the notice boards in front of the College -

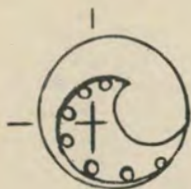
"The College of St. John the Evangelist, the Provincial College of the Anglican Church in New Zealand, in Association with Trinity Theological College, of the Methodist Church of New Zealand."

A united faculty, and student body share a common life in Chapel, Classroom, and social activities. The selection, training and care of students is the responsibility of each church.

6. The College, staff and students, are appreciative of the support and encouragement offered by the Connexion. We have, during the year, received grants from the Walters Trust, the Rushton Trust, Smethurst Fund, the Gisborne Parish, The Tidd Trust, we well as other anonymous donations. The Revs. Buddy Te Whare and Sam Toia have provided experience in the Maori Division for our Tongan and Filipino students. Ministers in the Auckland area have acted as supervisors in our field education programme and Levin, Waterview, Carterton and Gisborne have provided student supply appointments. We have received gifts of books for Library or student bookshop from ministers. Above all, there are people and congregations who remember our work in their prayers and this we value very much.

The Trinity College Council continues to offer effective support to both staff and students and for this we are grateful.

In the year that The Rev. Barry Jones relinquishes the position of Superintendent of the Development Division, I would like to express my, and the College's, thanks to him for his concern for high standards of competence among the ordained ministry and his collegueship in the development of non-stipendiary ministries and the home setting programme.



NGA MATE O TE TAU

Haere koutou, haere, haere, haere.

With respect and warm memories we farewell the many of our Weteriana church family who have died since last Conference. Among those known we mention the following because of the special place they occupied in the life and work of the Maori Division down through the years:

Betty Pihama, Hone Wilcox, Maria Turner, Rangitukia Cassidy, Riki Taiaroa, Brian Olsen, Herehere Maaka and Te Orahi Tonga.

Na reira, e kui ma, e koro ma: ki runga i a koutou nga aitua maha o te tau ka huri. E hoki ki te kainga tuturu mo tatou, otira, okioki mai i roto i te Ariki i a Ihu Karaiti.

E MAU TONU ANA I ROTO I TE MAHARA

Partly to affirm their past ministries and service to the people, but also to assure them they are not forgotten, a special dinner event was held to facilitate a meeting with past staff members and colleagues at Whakatuora Centre, Mangere, in early February. Inevitably, the occasion served to prompt considerable reminiscing and nostalgia. It was a happy meeting for all able to attend.

KIA NGOTO A, KIA TOKO AKE I TE HINENGARO MAORI

As authentic a Maori response as possible to the Gospel remains the over-riding goal which we struggle to achieve in our ministry and the life, witness and service of our members at Regional and Circuit levels. The reality of today's economic and social pressures, along with the crises situations they often evoke, do inhibit achievements in this connection. On the other hand, a greater awareness and recognition of 'Taha Maori' generally is encouraging.

LEADERSHIP : STIPENDIARY STAFF

To equip and enable, co-operation and working together as a team remain aspects of the leadership style emphasised. Some conflict, however, persists largely as a result of traditional expectations and training. A sustained ministry of enabling and equipping in the Tokoroa area added three more Minita-a-iwi to the rank of those serving in the Waikato Circuit, viz, Heemi Rauwhero, Dick Morgan and Heke Eketona. We have long recognised the need to strengthen the educational dimension of our work. The movement toward a bicultural church was added impetus. Therefore, we were thrilled to find Te Rua Turner available and willing to accept a half-time position as Educator-facilitator for the Division. The position of Tumuaki has continued under review and discussion during the year, with the

appended recommendation resulting.

CIRCUIT LIFE AND FOCUS

On the whole, this remains the community at large. Many key members and 'pillars' of Regional and Circuit life are also active participants in the life of the community, especially where events on the marae may be concerned; schools; cultural clubs; work skill centres; kohanga reo activities and many others. This invariably restricts time and energy experienced members have for specifically Circuit-related initiatives. A team of Minita-a-iwi, however, can help ease demands in certain of the traditional expectations of ministry, such as the tangi, and thus facilitate other needs in ministry where a focus on the 'living community of faith' is possible.

TE ROPU WAHINE

Much Circuit life revolves around our women. Te Ropu Wahine groups at all levels offer occasions for support, learning and challenge. Huinuinga this year was held at Waitomo, and the Labour Weekend Hui-ata-ua will provide a further Division-wide opportunity for women of our Circuits to meet in the above way. The Executive at present operates from Tai Tokerau.

TE RANGATAHI

Our work with our young people is uneven throughout the Circuits. Although attempts are made to plan and organise for a programme or an event at a Divisional or inter-circuit level, eventually Circuits are left to initiate whatever is appropriate in their respective situation. Cultural groups and activities feature prominently in this regard.

WAIATA KAUMATUA FLATS

By special arrangement with the Department of Maori Affairs it was possible to relocate 3 prefab units on our section at Ngaruawahia, adjacent to the entrance to Turangawaewae marae. The small complex was opened and dedicated on 17th March in conjunction with the Poukai for the locality.

KAWHIA CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Being the 50th, the annual November celebrations this year will be a little more elaborate. Rohe Potae will host the occasion and a wider Weteriana representation than usual is anticipated for the 24, 25th.

HOSTELS

Similar joys and frustrations of past years have been the overall experience of 1984. An independent review and survey conducted by the Department of Maori Affairs also prompted a brief review of our own. A query that hostels continue to represent the best use of resources, and whether or not they are directed toward the young folk who most need helping, has been raised for further investigation. In the meantime Bank overdrafts continue to be a perennial anxiety.

FINANCE

All Circuits failed to meet their accepted allocation for the past financial year. Consequently, greater self-reliance and financial independence is a continuing struggle. Sustained Connexional support, at least, enables an increased staffing component to be realistically contemplated. The assistance that flows from our Connexional Trusts, such as the Grey Institute in north Taranaki is appreciated.

TE RUNGANGA WHAKAWHANAUNGA HAHĪ

It was our turn to host this year's Annual General Meeting in March and in the same month, to share with the National Council of Churches a hosting of the Christian Conference of Asia's General Committee. The year's primary concern was the national hui on the Treaty of Waitangi. An affirming of some directions indicated by Te Runanga Hahi proved helpful. With a changed political climate expectations are a little higher than they might otherwise have been. Support for a changed format to the 1985 Waitangi observance is the more immediate consideration resulting from the hui deliberations.

HUI-A-TAU

This will be the 25th year since they commenced as a regular part of our 'Taha Maori' programme of life and work. The hosting this year falls to the lot of the Tamaki Circuit, which is grateful to the Central Region network as arrangements proceed to hold the Hui-a-tau at the Howick Community Centre, over Labour Day weekend.

MOVEMENT TOWARD A BICULTURAL CHURCH

Many of our members watch with interest as some of the implications are more fully realised within the life of the Connexion and Districts. For us it has meant a focus on and sharpening up of our understanding of a Maori response to the Gospel. For some it has implied extra work and commitments as Pakeha committees seek to consult. A new and vital learning is appreciated, namely, that no one Maori representative on a Council, Board or committee necessarily speaks for the whole Maori Division. How and with who, consultation occurs is now better understood. But, the process is not devoid of some agonising.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report be received.

REPORT OF FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING AT TERRACE CENTRE, JOHNSONVILLE,
THURSDAY 4 OCTOBER 1984 AT 3.00 P.M.

The Vice-President, Rev. A A Grundy presided at the meeting of 40 members.

(and see also Conference Reports pages 260-1)

SURVEY OF PARISH FINANCIAL STATISTICS YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 1984

PREPARED BY DR D J JANUS in consultation with the Finance and Stewardship Committee, September 1984 and distributed to all Parishes and Financial Stewards/Secretaries/Treasurers in October mailing, dated 21 September 1984

Last year reference was made to the reduction of the inflation rate resulting from Government intervention. We then observed: "The possibility of further reductions and permanency of improvement in the rate of inflation is the subject of much discussion and is still uncertain." Time has indeed proved that further reductions were achieved, as the inflation rate based on Consumer Price Index figures for the year ended 30 June 1984 was 4.68%, as against 8.29% for the year ended 30 June 1983 and 16.98% for the preceding year.

However, as sure as reaction follows action in the normal course of events, the rather artificial downward trend could not last in the prevailing economic climate. Future levels are still uncertain. It is therefore again recommended that the preparation on the Connexional Budget for the period 1 July 1985/30 June 1986 be postponed till April 1985.

GIVING STILL HOLDING

Giving per member was an annual average of \$204.32, an increase of 6.28% which is about equal to the midpoint (6.48%) of the inflation rates of 8.29% and 4.68% mentioned above. As an extended prices and wage freeze was in operation during this period, Church members must be congratulated on their sacrificial attitude. Their giving matched the needs of the Church.

Membership declined from 20,244 as at 30 June 1983 to 19,694 as at 30 June 1984.

GIVING PER MEMBER

	PARISHES	UNION PARISHES
1983/84	\$204.32	\$179.41
1982/83	\$192.25	\$164.55
1981/82	\$153.26	\$140.91
1978/79	\$100.84	\$ 80.03

MEMBERSHIP AND INFLATION RATES:

We have updated the following schedule to include 30 June 1984.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Year	Total Mem- bership at 30 June		Last 7 years in- flation for year ended 30 June	Increase on basis 1977	Giving per Member	Increase on basis 1977	Increase on annual basis
		%	%	%	\$	%	
1984	19,694	79.7	4.7	219.8	204.32	275.6	6.3%
1983	20,244	81.9	8.3	210.0	192.25	259.3	25.4%
1982	20,727	83.9	17.0	194.0	153.26	206.7	12.2%
1981	21,784	88.2	15.0	165.8	136.64	184.3	14.4%
1980	22,109	89.5	17.9	148.7	119.43	161.1	18.5%
1979	22,696	91.9	12.4	126.1	100.84	136.0	19.2%
1978	23,424	94.8	12.2	112.2	84.58	114.1	14.1%
1977	24,706	100.0	14.4	100.0	74.13	100.0	

A contribution in the 1983/84 year of \$204.44 per member was needed to equal the effort of the 1977 Church membership towards supplying the material requirement of the Church. This was practically achieved as shown under F above. The uncertainties in the movement of the economy and the pressures of lower Church membership make it imperative that giving is maintained at a level at least 3% in excess of the inflation rate.

(NOTE: the excess of 3% provided, seeks to take prudent consideration of all circumstances, including,

- (a) the ongoing effects of previous Government intervention having held inflation,
- (b) uncertainty as to movements in the economy, including wage negotiations and effects of devaluation
- (c) decline in Church membership.)

PARISH EXPENDITURE:

The purpose of giving is to provide for the expenditure necessary to sustain Church life.

Split up under main headings the following picture emerges:

	1982/83	1983/84	Increase %
Stipends & Allowances	2,025,854	2,097,726	3.54
Local Costs	<u>339,500</u>	<u>347,753</u>	<u>2.43</u>
Total Parish Costs	2,365,354	2,445,479	3.38
Connexional Budget Contributions	<u>636,918</u>	<u>678,405</u>	<u>6.51</u>
	<u>3,002,272</u>	<u>3,123,884</u>	<u>4.05</u>
Available for Trust and Parish balance	<u>502,863</u>	<u>515,372</u>	<u>2.49</u>
Parish income was:	3,505,135	3,639,756	3.84

The portion of Parish income required for stipends and allowances decreased slightly from 57.8% in 1982/83 to 57.63% in 1983/84.

LEVELS OF INCREASE

Inflation rate, based on Consumer Price Index (30 June)

1982/83 :	8.29%	1983/84	4.68%
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The increases reported on 1983/84 over 1982/83 are

Giving per member	6.28%
Parish Income	2.99%
Non-offering income	equal
Pledged giving & Loose offering	4.71%

Non-offering income appears to come mainly from Goodwill Stores. It appears that the gradual increase in this income, experienced in previous years, has levelled out.

PROJECTIONS: The Survey repeated last year's comment: "it is difficult to forecast the degree and tempo of any forthcoming change, and the direction of, and reaction to, these changes; as well as the extent to which income and expenses - in this case of the Parishes - will be effected. In this area the Church is as much subject to the changing situation as anyone."

The Survey goes on "we believe we can project that the upward trend now evident in expenditure levels will continue well into the next year. This means that unless giving levels in the current year July 1984 - June 1985 go up in keeping with this trend, Parishes may well find a difficult situation developing.

It is recommended that this warning is taken seriously and that Parish Councils and Financial Stewards make it their concern to bring the matter to the attention of Church members.

REPORT FROM STEWARDSHIP DIRECTOR

The Report included advice of an increase of 34% in new givers in all programmes (40% in 1983); 22% for Methodist, 46% for Presbyterian, 26% Union and Co-operating.

Information was shared about Seminars, Parish Stewardship resource kits and materials, and the provision for an Annual Review in a Parish.

PROJECTED FUNDING 1985/86 CONNEXIONAL BUDGET

The Committee was informed that from the Connexional Banking Arrangement through the Sepecial Account, \$32,658 was available from the year ending 30 June 1984.

STRATEGY DELETIONS AND ADDITIONS

The Committee was advised that arrangements were required for permanent funding for a diaconal ministry to partners and families of Presbyters.

VARIOUS MATTERS

- (i) Enquiry was made as to the review of the arrangement^{for} direct allocations and remittances to Union and Co-operating ventures. It was indicated that this would be undertaken after March 1985.
- (ii) The question of the setting of priorities for Budget financing was raised. It was recognised that this was a formidable task, and this was not the first time the matter had been raised.
- (iii) It was suggested that Synods might consider the response of Parishes in their District to Budget support in March, ready to advise the April Meeting of Finance and Stewardship Committees.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That any recommendations approved by Conference that require new fundings, include sufficient data so that they may be effectively referred to Synods to respond with comments to be forwarded to the Finance and Stewardship Committee meeting in April.
3. That the increase of the 1985/86 Connexional Budget over the 1984/85 figure as allocated to Parishes be decided by the Finance and Stewardship Committee in its April 1985 meeting and that the Committee takes into account
 - (a) the inflation rate for the period 1 April 1984 to 31 March 1985 as derived by the CPI, plus approx. 3%
 - (b) wage adjustments made before 31 March 1985, if any, and
 - (c) other relevant factors which are of sufficient known impact to warrant consideration, and
 - (d) the willingness of Parishes to contribute.

NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT

NOMINATED BY

Phyllis M Guthardt	Waikato-Bay of Plenty District Synod Hawkes Bay-Manawatu District Synod North Canterbury District Synod
Donald J. Phillipps	South Canterbury District Synod Otago-Southland District Synod
Kenneth H. Russell	Northland District Synod Auckland District Synod Nelson District Synod

PHYLLIS M. GUTHARDT, M.A., Ph.D.

Phyllis Guthardt was born in 1929 and grew up in Nelson. Following five years' secretarial work she trained as a Primary School teacher and taught in Nelson and Christchurch.

In 1954 she entered Trinity College and took a B.A. degree part-time (Senior Scholar). During probation in the Riccarton Circuit she completed M.A. (1st class honours in English) and was ordained in 1959. Three years in Cambridge, United Kingdom, gained Ph.D. in Biblical Theology.

Subsequent appointments include six years at the Melville Church, Hamilton, and Waikato Hospital as Chaplain; Ecumenical Chaplain at the University of Waikato, six years; and at Knox Presbyterian Church, Christchurch, eight years. She is currently Superintendent of the Riccarton Parish.

Has long-time interest in women's work and ecumenical affairs. Served some years on the Working Committee for Women in Church and Society of the W.C.C. and the Commission on Theological Concerns of the C.C.A.

DONALD J. PHILLIPPS, B.A., B.D.

Donald Phillipps is in his 17th year of ministry, and after two years in the Milton/Lawrence Circuit, and 12 years as Chaplain to the University of Otago, moved to his present position as Superintendent of the Dunedin Methodist Mission in 1982, in which year he also became District Superintendent.

Donald is married to Barbara who is employed in a factory office. They have three adult children.

He came into the Methodist ministry after fairly extensive experience in the business world. This background has assumed special relevance in his present responsibilities within the social services world, and the Dunedin Mission is currently engaged in exploring exciting new possibilities in the field of welfare services and community development. Donald comes from a network of families with deep Methodist roots and is committed to strengthening those distinctive features of Connexional life and witness which will enable the Methodist Church to make a significant contribution to the cause of the Gospel.

From a Connexional point-of-view he is a member of both the Board of Administration and the Welfare of the Church Committee, and he is one of two Methodist representatives on the New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services Executive. From a community point-of-view he is a member of the Otago University Council, President of the Dunedin YMCA, chairman of the National Counselling Services Committee of the National Marriage Guidance Council. From a personal point-of-view his hobbies are music, cricket and Methodist history.

KENNETH HARRY RUSSELL

Ken Russell is a parish minister with origins in Nelson Methodism. He commenced training for the ministry at Trinity Theological College at the tender age of 19, and is currently in his 28th year of service in the Methodist Connexion.

After a probationary ministry at Hokitika (3 years), he has served in appointments in Waitara (6 years), Levin (5 years), Invercargill (Central and Otatara 10 years) before moving to his present position at St John's in the Whangarei Uniting Church in 1981.

While in the South, he served for seven years as District Superintendent in Otago-Southland, and in 1982 was appointed to the same position in the Northland District.

A confessed "all-rounder", his primary commitment is to parish ministry with particular interests in the leadership of worship, the fostering of community, crisis ministry, witness of peace and justice issues and ecumenism.

He is married to Judy. They are parents of five children.

NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

NOMINATED BY

Kenneth (Ken) M. Fay

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu

KENNETH (KEN) M. FAY

Born in Surrey, England in 1930, coming from a Methodist family of many generations. National Service with the R.A.F. in Egypt in 1949/50 gave him the urge to travel. He served an apprenticeship in Horticulture in England; served the Church as Sunday School teacher, Youth Leader and Lay Preacher. Came to Palmerston North, New Zealand, with his wife Fiona, in 1956; has worshipped at St Pauls Church, Palmerston North since that date. Since 1956 Ken has worked in the Church as Sunday School teacher, Bible Class leader, Youth Club leader, Trustee, member of Leaders' Meeting and Parish Meeting.

During this time he worked in commercial Horticulture and then developed his own Drive-in Garden Centre. He was Parish Steward in the formative years of the Palmerston North Parish. In February 1975, after the Parish had been "one wanted" for two years, Ken was appointed Lay Administrator for an initial term of four years. With renewals of appointments he has held the position for nearly 10 years, and sees team ministry with lay participation as an exciting way forward.

Ken has served on the Hawkes Bay-Manawatu District Synod since 1973, and is its present Secretary, and is a member of the District Property Advisory Committee. He has attended Conference regularly as lay representative since 1974; served as lay representative from the District on Church Council, General Purposes Committee, Finance & Stewardship Committee and Stationing on several occasions.

He has been involved with the Manawatu Methodist Social Service Centre since 1973 and on the Management committee since 1974 and its Chairman since 1976, and is particularly interested in encouraging the establishment of Parish based Social Service units serving the community.

Is a member of the Palmerston North Community Service council and also the Palmerston North Consultative Committee for Recreation & Community Development.

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For Nomination and Election Procedures

See Laws and Regulations of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, Section 5-6.2f.

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CHURCH COUNCIL

The President, Mr G E Hill, presided at the Meeting of Church Council on Thursday, 4 October 1984, at The Terrace Centre, Johnsonville, with 39 representatives present.

DIVISIONAL AND CONNEXIONAL STRUCTURES - OBJECTIVES AND PROCESSES

The Council considered three ways of proceeding with a review of Divisional and Connexional Structures. There was some immediate support for a series of residential consultations where basic questions about the Church's life could be considered but the Council wondered how much energy there would be for "tinkering with the structures" and quickly identified that there were some prior questions which could be widely discussed.

We are a long way from deciding what new structures and resources we need!

There was rising excitement as we began to ask each other many questions.

Who are we?

What is our special nature as a Church?

What new insights has God given us about the future?

Is Church Union still an issue?

Where do we stand on issues of catholicity and diversity?

How can the exciting potential of bi-culturalism be conveyed to our wider membership?

How is Connexionalism to be understood?

Which is more important - review or renewal?

Is any renewal in community possible without personal renewal?

How do we encourage the search for a Contemporary Spirituality?

WHAT IS THE SPIRIT SAYING TO OUR CHURCH?

The discussion took wings as members threw in a host of suggestions and possibilities summarised as follows:-

- Let's invite every Methodist group of any size to consider during 1985 the sort of Church we want to be!
- Let's work toward a 'summit conference' with no agenda but opportunity for wide participation and sharing on the renewal theme!
- Let's open the 1985 Conference to all comers for part of the time and let's live together for that sharing and reporting experience!
- Let's celebrate and feel the unique family spirit that is Methodism!
- Let's ask the planners of all Meetings, Synods and Conference to take this into account **NOW!**
- Let's only have reports that look to the future!

As a Council we offer no programme to the Church - just this account of our excitement and anticipation. But we invite the people called Methodist in New Zealand to meet without agenda and without structure to SHARE and EXPERIENCE so that eventually we can be decisive about

the sorts of structures and resources we need for a Connexion that has listened to the leading of the Holy Spirit, trusts itself and its leadership and knows where it wants to go.

REPORT FROM JOINT WORKING COMMITTEE ON BI-CULTURALISM

Rev. Barry Jones reported: on the four seminars held so far, and the varied responses of participants; on the resources prepared, (indicating there had been some difficulty in interpreting Conference's resolution "that the Report" be sent down) including a resource booklet, two editions of "Passport" with a third in preparation, and a series of Bible Studies in preparation, and two videos available; on some spontaneous happenings. Some concerns were expressed that not the material was getting through to where it was intended; and also of feelings and resistance being generated by the intensity of some of the Joint Working Committee's actions.

REPRESENTATIVE TO CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE OF ASIA 1985

It was indicated to Church Council that in future the nomination would be actioned by the Council for Mission; but on this occasion there were some timing difficulties resulting from the change from Joint Board to Council for Mission. Joy Rakena was endorsed as the nomination.

REPORT ON CHURCH UNION

Rev. Barry Jones reported on the responses that had been received to the Church Union Committee's report and recommendations "A Way Forward". Church Council received the report, noting that comments as to why Parishes had not responded needed to be listened to, and the significance of Synod responses.

THE CATHOLIC SPIRIT: the Council received the report of the responses from the Synods; and noted that Rev. K Rowe had offered to prepare a study for the Auckland Synod which could be available.

REPORT FROM NORTH CANTERBURY SYNOD: on the prospect of establishing a community in an older part of Christchurch was received, and the Synod and those involved encouraged in the development

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE offered its draft Supplementary Report to Conference, that also responded to concerns raised by Synods. This was received, noting that recommendations would follow from College Council.

The General Secretary reported that acting on the request from the April Meetings, the Rev. D B Gordon and the General Secretary had met with the Archbishop to explore the possibility of a Covenant between the Church of the Province and the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand that would express the relationship of the two Churches acting in co-operation at St John's. Initial responses were encouraging and it was intended that such a Covenant would be prepared after the present review of the Regulations had been completed.

INVITATION TO BRIAN TURNER to serve on CICARWS Commission:
Church Council warmly endorsed his acceptance, and proposed that
necessary funding be sought through Unit 5 of the Council for Mission.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Report be received.

CHURCH UNION COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT - 1984

1. A WAY FORWARD

* INTRODUCTION:

The Union of the Churches which in 1967 covenanted together 'to seek a basis of union', remains in the future. For the best part of this century Methodists have been considering union with one or more of the other New Zealand Protestant Denominations. Votes have been taken, plans developed and much energy poured into the search for union. Yet, a form of union which can unite denominations which hold so much in common, continues to elude us.

The Church Union Committee of the Methodist Church believes that the search for unity in mission must continue as part of our Christian obedience. Our Methodist Conference has consistently affirmed our commitment to Church Union.

Over the last 20 years, eighteen Annual Methodist Conferences have passed resolutions affirming Methodist commitment to the cause of Church Union.

The specific question the Church Union Committee asked of the 1983 Annual Conference was;

"Should the Methodist Church of New Zealand enter into serious bi-lateral discussions with the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand aimed at a form of Union which would enable us to more effectively share in God's mission in this land?"

In response, the Conference passed these Resolutions:

- a) Conference agrees to ascertain the response of the Connexion to the proposition that discussions be held initially with the Presbyterian Church directed towards a form of union between the two Churches
- b) That the response of the connexion be ascertained by referring the proposition to all Parishes, Samoan/Tongan/Fijian Fellowships, the Maori Division, District Synods and Union District Councils for discussion and comment.
- c) That the Church Union Committee collate the responses and report to September Church Council, August Synods and Conference, 1984."

(1983 Minutes of Conference pp 650-651)

* A DISCUSSION PAPER:

In March of this year, the Church Union Committee distributed to Parishes/ Synods/Pacific Islanders Fellowships a discussion paper entitled "A WAY FORWARD IN THE SEARCH FOR CHURCH UNION".

In making the case for a way forward the Committee stated -

"It is important to recognise that there is no specific Plan for Union before our Churches at this time.

The Negotiating Churches have demonstrated no strong desire to negotiate another Plan covering all aspects of the organisation, faith and life of a hoped-for united church. A more dynamic and open-ended way forward, in which grass-roots initiatives play a leading part, seems to be what our people are wanting.

As the Church Union Committee, we have reflected on ways of achieving the visible unity of the churches. But we have no detailed plan to put before our Church. However, we do believe that a workable arrangement could be arrived at in discussion with the Presbyterian Church. We believe we should seek a way forward that would not lock up the time and energies of both Churches in endless discussion and detailed structural changes."

(See the Committee's report to the 1983 Conference, pp 400 - 400c).

Included in the paper were;

a) **STATISTICS INDICATING THE EXTENT OF METHODIST AND PRESBYTERIAN PARTNERSHIP IN CO-OPERATIVE VENTURES.**

In 1984 the Methodist church is formally co-operating with the Presbyterian Church in the following areas:

i) Parish Co-operative Ventures:

+ Bi-lateral Methodist/Presbyterian	=	79
+ Involving other Negotiating Churches, as well as Methodist/Presbyterian	=	18

ii) Union District Councils: (Combining Presbytery and Synod functions).

- + Northland
- + Wairarapa
- + Westland - Buller

Note: The Wellington Methodist Synod and the Wellington Presbytery have held four joint meetings during 1984.

iii) National Departmental Structures:

- + Joint Stewardship Department
- + Council for Mission & Ecumenical Co-operation:

(Inaugurated on the 1 July, 1984. Drawing together the work of the Joint Board for Mission Overseas - the Joint International Affairs Committees - the Ecumenical Committees of both Churches).

+ Joint Public Questions Committee

+ Joint Board of Theological Studies:

(Involving Anglican, Baptist, Churches of Christ,
Methodist, Presbyterian Churches.)

b) **SUGGESTED CRITERIA TO GUIDE FUTURE MOVES TOWARDS
ACHIEVING CHURCH UNION.**

In the form of Union suggested to the 1983 Conference by the Church Union Committee, the following criteria were seen to be important in guiding its development:

- i) "Acknowledge an impulse toward unity in mission 'that the world might believe'.
 - ii) Build upon past discussions and shared experiences, yet not be bound by those attempts to give form to our unity in Christ.
 - iii) Acknowledge the impact of Union and Co-operating Parishes and shared work in many areas of the Church's life.
 - iv) Affirm the positive contribution of diversity in the life of the Church, safeguard and welcome different heritages and cultural perspectives.
 - v) Provide a framework for the Churches to grow into fuller unity, at a pace appropriate to location, need and conviction.
 - vi) Leave open the possibility of other denominations sharing in the life of the United Church, either immediately or in the future, whilst still proceeding towards a bi-lateral Union."
- c) **A STATEMENT BY REV KEITH ROWE OF "WHAT UNION BETWEEN THE METHODIST AND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES MIGHT LOOK LIKE USING THE SUGGESTED CRITERIA."**

Some of the points raised in Keith's paper were;

- 1. "The Methodist and Presbyterian Churches could set a date for the inauguration of the "Uniting Church in New Zealand". Conceivably this could be in a few years.
- 2. There could be various ways of being part of the Uniting Church. I can envisage a form of Union in which all the titles which reflect culture and heritage are retained. The identity and ethos of these groups, in the form they desire, could continue within this commitment to the Uniting Church. We are committed to diversity in a Uniting Church. Union does not and should not mean uniformity. We have always believed this and still believe it to be an indispensable element in any form of Union.

3. The Uniting Church need not begin with every detail of its life worked out in advance. The Uniting Church would be more than an ecclesiastical structure. It would be a company of Christians who seek to travel together, drawing on various cultural, theological and denominational heritages, in their shared determination to live and share the good news of Christ in New Zealand and beyond.

A dynamic form of Union such as envisaged here would discover structures appropriate to its life and mission as people share in a common mission.

4. Locally there need be no pressure for congregations to unite, to close buildings, or to relate to one another beyond their desire to do so. No effective congregational unit should be disrupted without good reason. The inauguration of the Uniting Church would be an encouragement for local congregations to come closer together - but at their pace.
5. Beyond the congregation it is more difficult to imagine a national structure, but I could envisage that the Annual Conference (Methodist) and Assembly (Presbyterian), might continue to co-exist for a period. It should not be too difficult for them to meet in the same city. There is already an overlap of business (Overseas Missions, Public Questions, International Affairs, Union and Co-operating Parishes).
6. Divisions and Departments of the denominations might continue as at present, but would be encouraged to look at ways of co-operating. In some cases amalgamation would be seen to be appropriate. Some amalgamation might take place before, or at, inauguration. Amalgamations would be sensitive to cultural and heritage diversity.
7. Placement of the Ministry. Existing systems would continue side by side. Ministers and congregations would have to make choices as to whether they opted for appointment or call.
8. Sharing of denominational insights would take place as the Uniting Church develops its life rather than being safeguarded by being written into a plan which marks the beginning of the journey.
9. At the regional level, Synods and Presbyteries would be encouraged to merge and form a new body which would be primarily a forum for discussion and formulation of shared or co-operative strategies for mission.
10. The Uniting Church might designate an Assembly, say 3 or 4 years after inauguration as a constitutional Assembly when emerging structures could be noted. A Standing Committee on Church Structures might help monitor developments and offer assistance where needed.

11. This proposal begins with the assumption that the most likely way ahead is that the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches might form the Uniting Church.

However, any others could join - in ways appropriate to their heritage and ethos.

This proposal is intended as a response to God's invitation to unity in mission and to the mood of the Church as expressed in recent notes and discussions. It is a major move away from the desire to predict the future through the formulation of a detailed 'Plan' and seeks to place a positive value upon diversity of culture and heritage. **The focus is on a Church in Mission".**

* RESPONSES FROM PARISHES/SYNODS/PACIFIC ISLANDERS FELLOWSHIPS.

Initially the Committee requested responses by the 30 June to the proposition that "discussions be held initially with the Presbyterian Church directed towards a form of Union between the two Churches."

From a potential of 214 only 37 replies had been received by mid-July. This represented a 17% response.

When the Church Union Committee met on the 25 July it was faced with a dilemma. How was it to interpret the lack of responses?

It was aware that Parishes had received a lot of material from the 1983 conference and the Church Union Committee Report may have been a casualty of 'agenda overload'.

Further, Methodist Parishes may not have had time to refer the issue to Quarterly Parish Meetings.

The Committee wondered if the lack of responses indicated one of three possibilities;

- a) *Groups are committed to the proposition, but haven't bothered to reply (silence is consent!)*

OR

- b) *Groups are resistant to the proposition but haven't bothered to reply (silence is dissent!)*

OR

- c) *There is general apathy about the proposition (the silence is saying 'do not disturb!')*

Finally, the Committee decided to ask Synods/Union District Councils to encourage Parishes, Pacific Islanders Parishes/Fellowships to respond by the extended deadline of the 30 September.

By the 30 September deadline a total of 57 replies had been received making a 26% response.

Set out below is a summary of the responses.

	TOTAL NUMBER OF RESPONSES		FOR	AGAINST	NEUTRAL
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* <u>From Parishes:</u>					
a) Methodist	18/74	24%	15	2	1
b) Co-operating					
M/A/P	5/12	41%	3	-	2
M/A	-/10	0%			
M/P	20/77	25%	20	-	-
M/P/C. C.	-/1	0%			
M/C.C.	2/3	66%	2	-	-
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* <u>Parish percentage responses District by District:</u>					
Northland	2/12	16%			
Auckland	5/21	23%			
Manukau	2/7	28%			
Waikato/B.O.P.	8/31	25%			
Taranaki/Wang.	2/10	20%			
Hawkes Bay/Man.	3/18	16%			
Wellington	5/23	21%			
Nelson	4/11	36%			
Nth Cant.	3/22	13%			
Sth Cant.	5/7	71%			
Otago/Sthland	2/16	12%			
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* <u>From Districts:</u>					
	12/13	92%	11	-	1
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* <u>From Maori Circuits:</u>					
	0/7	0%			
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* <u>From Pacific Islanders Fellowships:</u>					
Fijian	0/2	0%			
Samoan	0/11	0%			
Tongan	0/4	0%			
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TOTALS			89%	.03%	.07%
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* INTERPRETING THE RESPONSES:

It is difficult for the committee to interpret the silence. What is in the mind of the 74% that didn't respond?

However, the committee notes the significant silence from Maori and Pacific Islander Parishes/Fellowships.

The Committee believes that it would be wise to allow the proposal to lie on the table at Conference for 12 months.

This would enable two important things to happen;

- ONE : The reactions of those groups that didn't respond may become clearer over the next 12 months.
- TWO : The Committee could share the proposal with the Presbyterian Church Union Committee. It may well be that a bilateral initiative may emerge. There is a feeling that it is hard to generate enthusiasm for a unilateral proposal when the response of the intended partner is not known!

The Committee accordingly is recommending that the proposal lie on the table for 12 months, and its intentions be shared with the Presbyterian Church Union Committee.

2. DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH UNION COMMITTEE

Early in May the Committee received an invitation from the Presbyterian Church union Committee to "appoint three of its members to meet with three of ours, with a view to arranging an agenda for a combined meeting of our two committees sometime in 1985."

The response of the Committee was positive. On the 1 October Barry Jones, Keith Rowe, Frank Hanson met with Charles Naylor and Bill Best. Rev Dennis Povey, Secretary of the Negotiating Churches' Unity Council was also present.

It was agreed to recommend a combined meeting of both Church Union Committees to be held in Wellington on the 27/28 March, 1985.

The proposed agenda is:

1. Guided Biblical and Theological reflection.
2. A general searching together for "A Way Forward".
A sharing of some of the perspectives and expectations of each Committee.
3. The wider Oikumene, relationships with the bicultural and multicultural nature of New Zealand society.
4. Joint resources etc., and ways by which the administration of the Churches may be further effectively co-ordinated.
5. Reporting to both parent Churches and the Negotiating Churches' Unity Council.

Barry Jones
CONVENER

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the specific proposition to hold discussions initially with the Presbyterian Church directed towards a form of Union between the two Churches lie on the Conference table for 12 months.

3. That Conference supports the intention of the Church Union Committee to meet with its Presbyterian counterpart in order that there might be;
- a) Serious bilateral reflections on the Theology of Christian Unity.
 - b) A general searching together for a way forward.
 - c) Consideration of the wider ecumenical setting for the Churches to act out their unity.
 - d) Investigation of ways by which both Churches' administrative procedures and resources can be further co-ordinated for the benefit of Co-operative Ventures.

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE COUNCIL

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT TO CONFERENCE

REV. ERIC WILSON HAMES, M.A., Fellow of Trinity College.

The death of former principal, Eric Wilson Hames on October 7th, 1984 marked the end of an era for the Church. Mr Hames was called to the Staff of Trinity College in 1939. From 1945-1963 he served as Principal. He was a distinguished principal and a much loved and stimulating teacher. His influence on the lives of his students and through them on the life of the Church, has been positive and notable. As a Fellow of Trinity College Mr Hames attended his last meeting of the Council in April of this year. The Council joins with the whole Church in expressing support and thanks to Mrs Hames, Dick, Phillip and Roger.

An earlier report to Synods included reference to actions taken by the Council in carrying out the wishes of Conference 1984 "That the Council undertake a review of the arrangements with the Anglican Church for co-operation in residential ministerial education". A review involving staff, students and Council was carried out with the help of persons appointed to assist by the Conference and this was sent to the Archbishop of New Zealand along with a covering letter stating that "the report reaffirms our commitment to a continued association and to a close relationship between two colleges each responsible to their own Church Courts. We have made concrete suggestions as to how this relationship may more accurately reflect existing ecumenical and theological diversity and provide for harmonious working relationships within the College". The review was also shared with the General Purposes Committee in May when support was given to the general directions contained therein. The Council shared with the Church the essence of the Council's thinking in the annual report to Synods. In response to some requests, and following submission of the review to our Anglican partners through the Board of Governors, the acting-Chairman of the Council shared copies of the review with Synods in time for August meetings.

Synods have overall expressed their support and confidence in the Council and the directions outlined in the review. Two Synods expressed doubts. Comments received from these Synods and from other sources demonstrate a lack of knowledge of the nature of the partnership in the College, the background to its development and misunderstanding of the views of the College Council. It needs to be made quite clear that the Council is firmly committed to a continuing close partnership with the Anglican Church in residential ministerial education. The intention of the Council is quite clear: to foster and develop a genuinely ecumenical partnership in which diversity of theological opinion is possible and denominational emphases, initiatives and accountability are welcomed.

The review is to be read and understood against the background of an agreement reached between the Board of Governors and the Trinity College Council in 1974. The nature of the partnership which emerged from this agreement is outlined in the College Handbook (1980-1984).

"An Ecumenical Setting for Theological Education"

The St John's College site is home for two Theological Colleges working together in a unique relationship, preparing students who

will take their place in the ordained ministry of the two Churches. When in 1971 the Methodist Church accepted the invitation of the Anglican Church to transfer its students, staff and library to Meadowbank, a unique venture in Theological Education began. A two-Colleges-in-one concept may not be easy to define in simple terms, but the living fact is that it works to the advantage of all. The position is summed up on the notice boards in front of the College -

"The College of St John the Evangelist, the Provincial College of the Anglican Church in New Zealand, in Association with Trinity Theological College, of the Methodist Church of New Zealand."

A united faculty, and student body share a common life in Chapel, Classroom and social activities. The selection, training and care of students is the responsibility of each church.

The Warden who is appointed by and is responsible to the St John's College Board of Governors, is responsible for the pastoral and educational care of Anglican students. As the Ordinary of the Chapel, he ensures that Anglican, Methodist and ecumenical worship requirements are met. As overall head of the College, he is chairman of the College Council meeting.

The Principal is appointed by the Methodist Conference and is responsible to that body. He is responsible for the pastoral care and training of Methodist students, and as Principal of Trinity Methodist Theological College, has specific responsibilities in the wider Methodist Church.

Warden and Principal work in close collaboration at all times. While staff are responsible to their respective Church Courts, within the College Council meeting joint decisions are able to be made regarding the life and work of the College."

An important statement about Methodist hopes for this partnership is contained in an April 1972 statement of the Council headed, Ten Guidelines for the Establishment of an Ecumenical College.

1. An Ecumenical College is the bringing together of two or more existing Colleges which have a continuing relationship to their parent Churches.
2. There is a pooling of teaching and library resources, and to some extent, of finance.
3. At the administrative level it is a partnership, not a merger. At the Board level, there would in our case be a T.C. Council, a St John's Board, and also a Joint Board. Discipline of Students remains in the hands of sponsoring Churches.
4. There is as far as possible unity in worship and life.
5. The doors remain open for other Churches to participate.
6. There should be some way in which buildings make the

Methodist presence visible.

7. There would still need to be an Anglican Warden and a Methodist Principal, who could perhaps take it in turns to be "Dean", i.e. Academic Head.
8. The College's name should reflect its ecumenical nature.
9. It is important that Methodist students be soon housed on or near the St John's property.
10. There should be a residence for the Principal on the Campus, or at least an office or interview room.

Council agreed that these were the basic issues to be raised at the Joint Committee."

At the 1972 Conference a resolution was passed approving the establishment of a United College on the basis of a report which suggested a change of the St John's College name to reflect the new partnership, the retention of separate collections of books in the library, a joint executive of the Board of Governors and the Council, the responsibility of the Principal to the Conference for the training and discipline of Methodist students, with the inner life of the College under the control of a joint staff meeting for which a Chairman would be appointed annually.

Discussions aimed at such a conclusion were pursued by the Council during 1973, a year which was dominated by internal difficulties within St John's College and the need to clarify relationships between Warden and Principal and their respective lines of accountability. This was not an easy year for the emerging partnership. The position of the Council was clear throughout - that the Methodist Church, through the Principal and its staff, must retain access to its students and direction over the course of study and preparation for ministry they follow and that within a growth in unity, diversity is to be welcomed. The Council was convinced that they should not obscure the fact that the parent churches were not yet united and 'so cannot express more unity than really exists'. Agreement emerged that while in effect a federation at the point of administration was established and while the Principal had responsibility for the education and pastoral and spiritual care of Methodist students, yet there were matters affecting the common life of the College in which the Warden was to be regarded as having an overall responsibility. This was acknowledged in a resolution of the 1973 Conference:

"That Conference give approval to the following statement by the Joint Executive of the College:

'That this Executive recognises that there are matters concerning which the Warden and Principal have responsibilities to their own governing bodies. In these matters each should have freedom to fulfil responsibilities belonging to his office. It is recognised that staff and student should do as much together as is consistent with the wishes of their governing bodies. As there should be one person in whom responsibility ultimately rests, it is therefore acknowledged that the Warden should exercise final discretion in matters affecting the common life of the United

It is clear that United College referred to common life with denominational responsibilities remaining intact and having priority.

By early 1974 an agreement between the two colleges had been achieved. This was reported to Church Council in 1974 and is referred to in the Principal's Report to Conference. No resolution was passed by Conference regarding this important milestone.

Headed, "Regulations" the agreement:

- * notes that 'the St John's Board of Governors and the Trinity College Council "each" remain in being to carry out the responsibilities belonging to them'.
- * states that the rights and privileges of both churches shall be respected.
- * spells out the responsibilities of the Warden toward the Anglican Church. It is noted that he will be expected to work in close collaboration with the Principal and that any unresolved questions that might arise between them should be referred to the Joint Executive.
- * spells out the responsibilities of the Principal toward the Methodist Church.
- * states that the education, discipline and spiritual welfare of students is exercised through Warden or Principal as appropriate.
- * states that matters regarded as belonging to the common life of the College, subject to the pastoral responsibility exercised by both Churches, shall be under the jurisdiction and discipline of the Warden.
- * states that the teaching faculty consists only of those appointed by each church according to agreed procedures.
- * sets out details governing the appointment of staff to the joint faculty. The Warden initiates when an Anglican vacancy occurs with the responsibility for a Methodist appointment lying with the Principal.
- * states that worship will be united with each tradition being represented within the worship life of the College.

The Council studied this agreement as it emerged from joint discussions and in February 1974 acknowledged that "We realise that it will not now be possible to speak of a united college and regretfully accept the position. It would help make clear the purpose of the joint venture, however, by adding to the College notice board reference to the fact that here Anglican and Methodist students are trained together for ministry". This conclusion was not included in reports to Conference.

So after two years of consultation what came to be described as a two colleges-in-one situation emerged and as described on the notice board.

In the time since 1974 much has been achieved together.

- * Shared student life and learning in common has been conspicuously successful

- * Warden and Principal have each fulfilled their responsibilities to their respective denominations.
- * There have been some difficulties experienced over the making of Methodist staff appointments.
- * Methodist staff and students have experienced some insecurity at times in an environment overwhelmingly Anglican.
- * At times the different theological emphases and understanding of ministry and of church have been very obvious.

In 1979 the Anglican Church asked if the Joint Executive, which had provided a forum for inter-church decision-making and had in the opinion of some Methodists been the key to the overall success of the venture, could be disbanded and 5 Methodists added to their Board of Governors. The Council agreed to this while, as the Principal's report to Conference acknowledged, "as far as we are concerned the Joint Executive has worked well, but as in all ecumenical work, it is appropriate that we meet the needs of our partners".

In a letter to the Archbishop, the Council Chairman wrote that "the Council"

"has been happy to work under the Joint Executive a body which, in our judgement, has served the churches well. We do appreciate, however, the desire of the Board to become more closely involved in the life of St John's College and to delegate less decision-making power to groups outside of the Board". This letter reported that Methodist involvement with the Board would be conditioned by Methodist polity, in particular:

- (a) The preservation of the identity and initiative of the Trinity College Council as the Committee accountable to the Methodist Conference for Ministerial Education.
- (b) The role of the Principal in relation to Methodist students, Methodist staff and the Conference being preserved. This is carefully spelled out in the 1974 agreement.
- (c) The proviso that on matters relating to staff, Methodist students and decisions regarding the College which may dictate the future directions of ministerial and theological education for both churches, the concurrence of the Trinity College Council and any other appropriate Methodist bodies be sought.

In a letter, dated 29th May, 1980, Bishop Reeves replied: "I am grateful for the description in your letter of the complexities of Methodist involvement in the St John's Board of Governors. I realise that the Trinity College Council has responsibilities which are not covered by membership of the St John's College Board of Governors and in no way do we seek to intrude upon these."

By 1979 it was clear that the 2 partners each sought some changes in the relationship that had developed. Finance played its part in this. In July 1979 the then Principal wrote to the Council, "A consultation between representatives of the Board of Governors and of the Council is suggested for 1980... Precipitate action is not called for but over the

next two years we may need to move to a modified pattern of co-operation out of all this could emerge a healthy relationship giving a clearer and stronger basis for future co-operation". The 1980 Conference report of the Principal refers to these matters noting that 'The College is not unaffected by the decisions of the General Synod regarding ecumenical co-operation and church union.'

The 1984 Review undertaken by the Council has been well received by the Anglican Board of Governors who received it at their meeting of June 26th. Since that date they have instituted a review of their work in the College and of the partnership. This has or will entail:

- * A special meeting of the Board without Methodist members in August.
- * A visitation of the College by a 4-person team of take place in October. The Council has pledged its full co-operation in this.
- * Board-Council discussions on the basis of equal representation to follow the November meeting of the Board.

The Methodist Review Document now becomes background material along with the Anglican Visitation Report while representatives of the Board of Governors and the College Council have discussions regarding our work together.

We are confident that the outcome of these negotiations will be a strong partnership.

The Methodist Review presents some background to the partnership and then sets out the need for a review at this time:

- (a) The Church Union situation has changed. Methodists have a new respect for their own ethos along with an appreciation of other traditions.
- (b) Methodist ministerial education has changed in character since 1972 - the home setting programme, lay education, continuing education.
- (c) The loss of the Joint Executive is felt as is the lack of a focus for Methodist identity.
- (d) 10 years of experience have shown up some deficiencies in the agreement.
- (e) The Baptist College has expressed an interest in co-operative work with other Auckland Colleges.
- (f) The Anglican Church faces important questions about the future of its ministerial education which are not identical with our concerns.

The Review then sets out a basis for negotiation. In essence these represent an affirmation of the present partnership while clarifying some areas of the relationship and suggesting ways of improving it.

- * The two-College-in-one concept is affirmed with each responsible and accountable to their parent bodies while still working in the closest of partnerships. The responsibility of the Principal for Methodist staff and students and along with the Council, for Methodist ministerial education, is again affirmed. This is consistent with the attitude of our church since the first moves

towards partnership in 1971-72 and is spelt out clearly in the 1974 Agreement and in the Law Book.

- * It is proposed that the Joint Executive be re-established as in the 1974 Agreement. It notes that Methodist involvement in the Board of Governors has always been somewhat diffident and much of the business of the Board belongs to the Anglican Church. Withdrawal of Methodist representation from the Board would in no way adversely affect the partnership providing a more balanced representation.
- * It is proposed that appointments to Joint Faculty positions should be made by each Church according to its custom while still retaining full and adequate consultation between the partners. The Council is of the opinion that staff appointment and review procedures need to hold together denominational accountability and involvement on the one hand with adequate consultation on the other.
- * The Joint Faculty working together for the common good of all students is affirmed while also acknowledging the responsibility Methodist staff have to work together in a team relationship responsible to the Council and to the Church through the Principal.
- * A clarification of the respective roles of Warden and Principal is sought. The Council is aware that the Anglican church has in fact been using a version of the 1974 Agreement which was later superseded and some clarification is needed there.
- * The Council has revived an earlier proposal for the appointment of a Dean of Studies or Dean of the Joint Faculty. From the earliest discussions this was a common suggestion for the good running of the College. In 1973 this proposal was dropped. In the Council's view such a rotating position, held by a staff person other than Warden or Principal, would contribute greatly to the good health of the educational life and of the partnership.

Along with the above, the Council has also made some lesser suggestions which would:

- * ensure that the educational needs and expectations of each of the partners are met and welcomed.
- * the provision of shared office space for the Methodist staff team - Principal, Wesley Lecturer, Fieldworker, Director of the Lay Centre. From as early as 1970 the provision of such a facility has been mooted and its lack noted by the Council. This would help the development of a genuine team relationship between the Methodist staff and provide some focus for Methodist identity on the Meadowbank property. It should be noted that it has never been the intention of the Council that the Education Centre in St Heliers Bay Road should provide this facility. The Education Centre is as has been clearly reported to Conference, a centre for education for lay ministries with accommodation for retreats, educational events and available for ministerial continuing education work where appropriate.

Every member of the Council is totally committed to the provision of effective education for ministry in the Methodist Church of New Zealand in partnership with those of other traditions and in that spirit continues the ongoing discussions with our Anglican partners.

The Wesley Lectureship

The Council, in consultation with Joint Faculty and Board of Governors, has established a job description for this position and has commenced advertising in Australia and New Zealand. A person is being sought who can teach Systematic Theology. At the time of writing the timetable to be followed, to allow a person to take up the position on the 1st February 1986, is as follows:

October 10th - the position is advertised

November 30th - applications close

By the end of December - short list

February - interviews and decision - a name is shared with the Anglican Board of Governors and with Synods.

April - The Trinity College Council reports to the President requesting him to make the appointment, perhaps after consultation with the General Purposes Committee.

November - The Conference confirms the appointment (See Law Book 10 (D) 7.3-7.4)

This procedure which is in accordance with the agreement regarding appointments to the Joint Faculty will also enable consultation with the Connexion. The Maori Division is being consulted in the light of resolutions of the 1984 Conference.

The Council has been fortunate in securing the services of Dr Eric Ryan, an experienced New Zealand born Roman Catholic Theologian and Teacher, as a Supply Lecturer for the 1985 College year. Dr Ryan is currently Deputy Principal of Loreto Hall, a Catholic Teachers' College in Auckland. He has had teaching experience in the United States of America and New Zealand.

Education Centre

The Council advertised for a part-time director of the Centre and, following interviews with a number of people, has appointed The Rev. Loyal Gibson to the position. The Council is confident that Mr Gibson has the capacity and experience to launch this new venture in education for lay ministries and believe that the Connexion is fortunate to have the service of someone of his stature in this position.

The Council has had continuing discussions with the Education Division on ways in which the Division and Centre can consult and work together to meet the massive challenges of education for Lay Ministries. The Division is represented on the Centre Committee and the Executive Director will receive all minutes and papers of the Centre. The ten page Background Paper on the Education Centre was published and advertised earlier in the year and distributed to interested people who sought it.

J A Penman
Chairman

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Rev. B K Rowe, B.A., B.D., S.T.M.(Union N.Y.) be reappointed as Principal and Ranston Lecturer in Practical Theology for a further period of five years.
2. That Conference confirms and welcomes the appointment of Dr Eric Ryan as Supply Lecturer in Theology for the 1985 Connexional Year.
3. That Conference welcomes the appointment of the Rev. Loyal Gibson as Director of the Education Centre and wishes him and the College well in this significant development.
4. That Conference re-affirms the commitment of the Methodist Church to continuing ecumenical partnership in residential ministerial education with the Church of the Province of New Zealand at St John's College, Auckland.

DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

1. NOMINATION OF THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT:

The Board has not found the task of bringing to Conference the nomination of a Superintendent either easy or straightforward.

There are five sides to the story. The first is the meticulous way the Board undertook the established procedures in making an appointment of this kind. This has called for the Board to reflect upon its own work and style, communicate with the Districts, General Purposes Committee, and the Maori Division, send letters to all the people suggested by Districts, interview the short list, select and nominate Rev Norman Brookes. The Board has carried out this process openly and pastorally.

The second is the nomination of the Rev Norman Brookes. Norman is a well-known and gifted leader. In his last two appointments at Christchurch and Auckland he has not only capably carried out his pastoral duties but he has also been extensively involved in a wide range of Boards and Committees.

The third side to our story is the way the Division meshes in with overall Connexional policy. Among the critical responses from the Districts were signs that it seemed to be time for a review of the Divisions now they have been established for 12 years. The results of this discussion will be presented in the Church Council Report, but it is important to record that the Connexion was desirous of maintaining the strength and leadership of the Division even though the Divisional Review is close at hand, and changes may arise from that.

The fourth side must be to underline the way in which Board Members have spent a great deal of time carefully thinking through the issues and making a response to them. Our decisions were not formulated hastily, but with reference to what we believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ is calling us to. Rev Mervyn Dine has capably led the Appointments Committee, which has spent even more time on the process of nomination.

The fifth side has to do with the journey towards the bicultural church. The Board found it had to reappraise its approach to the process of selection after receiving the response of North Canterbury District. North Canterbury said -

"Given the critical role that the Development Division and the Superintendency have in helping the Methodist Church become bicultural, and given the vital importance of the Development Division working closely with the Maori Division to achieve this aim, Synod notes with deep concern the alleged failure of the Development

Division to involve fully the Maori Division in the process of selecting and nominating a new Superintendent for the Development Division...."

(A similar question was raised by Nelson District).

North Canterbury went on to request a working partnership with the Maori Division. Thus the choice for the Board was either to persist with the historical (monocultural) procedures, or to move towards a bicultural process by sharing the tasks and processes of selection with the Maori Division. The consensus in the Board was to choose the latter option.

However, practical difficulties in the consultation with the Maori Division meant that the development of a bicultural process could not take place until 1985. With that dilemma of preferring to act biculturally (the Development Division is charged with leading the church to a bicultural way of life), yet also needing to proceed with the appointment of a Superintendent, the Board approached the General Purposes Committee in September. The result of that discussion emerged in the following resolution of General Purposes Committee.

That the nomination of the Rev N E Brookes be presented to Conference for decision, and that the appointment be for a term of not less than two years, during which time consideration and discussion of the restructuring of the Divisions will continue in the light of the total needs of the Church and the intention of the Conference that we move towards becoming a more truly bicultural church.

2. REV BARRY E JONES - SUPERINTENDENT, 1972 - 1984:

Looking back over the 12 years since the Rev Barry Jones began the inaugural Superintendency of the Development Division, two things stand out.

First is the exceptionally wide range of issues where Barry has given leadership. Not only do these include the official areas in which Barry has had jurisdiction as Superintendent, but they also go beyond the borders of the Development Division.

Behind Barry's general approach a more specific concern can be found - the development of a vital Methodist Church and people in order that we might become apostles of the Kingdom. As the Kingdom is where God's affair becomes our human affair, so Barry has always given priority to issues of social justice by his insistence on the "Gospel Agenda".

Second is the way Barry has carried out his leadership. His enthusiasm and eagerness (amounting sometimes to impatient haste), his eloquence - we have often borrowed his phrases - "the Church's mandate", "the Gospel Agenda" - are well known. The Board has valued no less his warm personality, his acceptance of those who think differently and the way he has clearly identified the central issues before us.

The Board also acknowledges the work of Jennifer Jones in the Divisional Office, where the administrative and secretarial tasks have been most capably handled.

The Board and the Connexion are most appreciative of the contribution of Barry and Jennifer, and their family, to our Church.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Board of the Development Division (Conference) place on record its appreciation of the work of Jennifer Jones in the Divisional Office.
2. That the Board of the Development Division (Conference) record its appreciation of the 12 years of leadership Rev Barry Jones has given to the Methodist Church as inaugural Superintendent of the Development Division, and recognises with grateful gratitude his vision for the Church as the lively people of God, and the creative endeavours by which he has sought its development in the church's life, mission and ministry.
3. That the nomination of the Rev N E Brookes be presented to Conference for decision, and that the appointment be for a term of not less than two years, during which time consideration and discussion of the restructuring of the Divisions will continue in the light of the total needs of the Church and the intention of the Conference that we move towards becoming a more truly bicultural church. - General Purposes Resolution

Edwin B Clarke
CHAIRPERSON

COUNCIL FOR MISSION AND ECUMENICAL CO-OPERATION

ADDITIONAL REPORT

The 1982 Methodist Conference covenanted itself to a programme of Peace Making. The Covenant, (printed below), is a working document for urgent action, commitment, prayer and spiritual renewal which places issues of Peace and Militarism, disarmament and nuclear arms close to the centre of the Gospel of the Christian Church.

COVENANT FOR PEACE

We believe in God, the Creator, who makes all things good.
in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer, who shows us how to love.
in the Holy Spirit, the Giver of life not death.

Therefore

We, the members of the Methodist Church of New Zealand covenant together

1. To care for God's creation and for the welfare, dignity and peace for all people.
2. To work for a halt to production of weapons of war, and the dismantling of those we already have with urgency and resolution.
3. To live, in faith and without fear, renouncing in particular our reliance on the possession, use or threatened use on our behalf of nuclear weapons.
4. To seek for alternative forms of defence, so that no country or people may be at the mercy of another.
5. Not to rest until the resources, now used in the manufacture of armaments, be converted to the elimination of poverty and injustice.
6. Constantly to pray for guidance and strength to do this work for love towards our enemies and for hope, reconciliation, justice and peace.

This process of becoming a church of peacemakers which the Methodist Church of New Zealand affirmed was also affirmed in the same month by the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand. These actions were both timely and historic. The Council is aware that throughout New Zealand there are innumerable Peace workgroups, networks, forums and information centres . . some within congregations, some drawn from a wider community and representative of a variety of organisations but all with urgent concern for the welfare, justice, dignity and survival of people and this planet . . . God's creation. We would, therefore, urge the Church members and councils to affirm and encourage participation in Peace Making activities in their locality as we are convinced that the issues of Militarism or Peace, injustice or mutual respect, arms or disarmament are not optional extras for the followers of Jesus Christ in this time. As peace makers we are committed to doing whatever is possible towards changing a society and world which has its relationships based on conflict, into one which experiences mutual respect, reconciliation, justice and suffering-love and is able to share and care for the precious resources of the earth.

Congregations should not be content leaving these issues that are basic for the renewal of God's creation to small ad hoc groups. The whole of the Churches membership is involved and should not be left with attitudes and mindsets untouched by study or witness which could open up reflection on these, the most pressing of human issues for our time.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That this Conference urge Parishes to arrange a suitable occasion during 1985 for the re-affirmation by individuals and congregations of the Covenant for Peace, which was entered into by the 1982 Conference and conveyed to all parishes for action.
2. That Parish Meetings be urged to take responsibility for promotive peace making and openly encourage work for peace and justice keeping it as a priority in their information and reporting structures.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM UNIT ONE, COUNCIL FOR MISSION AND ECUMENICAL CO-OPERATION

1. That Conference commend the New Zealand Government on its stand about nuclear armed warships and encourage the Government to write this position into legislation.
2. That Conference urge the people of New Zealand to debate vigorously our involvement in the ANZUS Alliance from an ETHICAL point of view.
3. That Conference write to all the Governments in the South Pacific region encouraging them to work towards establishing a South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone.



THE NEGOTIATING CHURCHES UNITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO THE CHURCHES

SEPTEMBER 1984.

The Negotiating Churches Unity Council
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(u) = member of the Committee on Church Union.

(v) = member of the Committee on Cooperative Ventures.

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Congregational Union: Mr B. Morris.

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Chairmen: Council	- The Rt. Rev. B.N. Davis.
CCU	- The Rev G.D. Munro.
CCV	- The Rev A.K. Woodley.

Secretary: The Rev D.M. Povey.

THE COUNCIL

1. In its Nineteenth Report, the Joint Commission on Church Union offered a proposal to the churches for the formation of The Negotiating Churches Unity Council. Following the approval of the churches, the Council was constituted with these terms of reference:
To work to fulfil the Act of Commitment 1967 -
 - (a) To seek a basis of union.
 - (b) To develop ways of common action.
 - (c) To advise the churches on steps to be taken to this end.
2. The first meeting of the council was held at the Star of the Sea retreat centre in Wellington, June 5-7 1984. Twenty two representatives of the churches and the Secretary were present and elected the Rt. Rev. Brian N. Davis as Chairman.
Deep appreciation was expressed to retiring members of the JCCU and JNCCE, with special thanks being extended to the Reverend Bill Best. Mr Best had been chairman of the JCCU for eight difficult years.
Members also conveyed their sympathy to the family of the late A.K. Petch, a former chairman of the JCCU.
The Reverend Dennis Povey was appointed Secretary for a period of up to five years.
3. Confirmation in Cooperative Ventures was one of the major items before the council. The Joint National Committee on Church Extension had appointed a work group to study issues relating to baptism, admission to communion, confirmation and the diverse constitutional definitions and requirements of membership.
The report of this work group together with a draft discussion paper was carefully studied and the following points noted:-
 - a. There is a clear need for some such statement or discussion paper, interim though it must necessarily be.
 - b. The statement bears within it some of the confused language and thinking inherent in any contemporary discussion of the sacrament of baptism and rites of confirmation-admission to responsible membership. Clarification of these confusions must continue beyond this statement.
 - c. The churches may, after further work and discussion, be closer to the development of a common liturgy for use in cooperative ventures than the report indicates. To produce such a liturgy without further ground work would be a mistake.
 - d. Whatever is done to clarify the relationship of the

order of the church and the constitutional definitions of membership to baptism and any rite of confirmation, the vital nerve of commitment to Christ and personal decision making should not be obscured.

- e. The responsibility of bishops to act in relation to confirmation but not necessarily in regard to baptism calls for further reflection by all.
- f. There needs to be a clear recognition that while membership may be determined by baptism rather than by some later act, all the churches require something further before such "members" may hold office. Whatever clearer theological weight is given to our understanding of baptism, mutual recognition of membership will have no real significance until the constitutional issues are also addressed.

THE PAPER HAS BEEN REFERRED TO CHURCH UNION COMMITTEES FOR COMMENT AND IS PRINTED HERE IN FULL.

DISCUSSION PAPER ON CONFIRMATION AND/OR ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP IN COOPERTIVE VENTURES - 1984.

1. In 1983 the Committee on Cooperative Ventures undertook a study of confirmation and/or admission to membership as it is associated with cooperative ventures. This study reaffirmed what ventures have been saying for some time - that for many confirmation is a point of tension, potentially divisive of local unity. Yet sometimes local unity may be bought at the cost of divergence from the separate traditions of the churches partners in the venture.
2. Some have urged, from time to time, the preparation of a common service of confirmation and/or admission to membership as a way of overcoming the tension. This course does not commend itself at the moment for the following reasons:-

- * Within each of the churches, understandings of confirmation and/or admission to membership are in such a state of change that to prepare a common service could solidify for cooperative ventures what is still fluid for the rest of the church.

- * In the area of confirmation and/or admission to membership, the churches have not undertaken the degree of faith sharing essential to make it possible to gather some common mind.

- * Within cooperative ventures there is no unanimity that the best way to proceed is to adopt a common service.

- * Worldwide study of the text of 'Baptism Eucharist and Ministry' will help to clarify areas of convergence and divergence in theology and practise.

It is appreciated that this problem will not go away. The churches are being urged to undertake urgently the dialogue necessary.

- 3 Cooperative ventures are asked to be positive in their attitude, sharing ways of resolving differences at this critical point. Ways to provide mutual recognition of membership are being sought.
- 4 Four ideals should be aimed at in considering the practice of confirmation and/or admission to membership in cooperative ventures:-
 1. Whatever is done must be done in good conscience, everybody involved able to participate with integrity.
 2. Whatever is done must have a universal reference, taking into account the experience of the church in history and throughout the world.
 3. Whatever is done must have a local reference, recognising the candidate as commissioned to service 'in this place' with these partners in Christ from other churches.
 4. Whatever is done must promote the unity of the church 'in every place and time.
- 5 Personal response to Christ is an important part of the Christian pilgrimage. The act of confirmation as part of the process of christian initiation begins in baptism. It provides:-
 - [a] Recognition of commitment to Christ
 - [b] Empowering for ministry
 - [c] Acceptance of the person within the role of church decision making.
- 6 For members of the Associated Churches of Christ, the same elements are to be found in the rite of baptism of believers.
- 7 Preparation for the act of confirmation and/or admission to membership should include careful nurture and preparation of candidate(s) and planning by the parish council.

In both the Methodist and Anglican churches the 'universal reference' is symbolised by the presence or action of the Bishop or Superintendent. In the Churches of Christ, Congregational and Presbyterian churches the minister of the parish bears that responsibility. Preparation should include early and equal dialogue amongst those who bear this responsibility. Such dialogue, regularly entered into, can only deepen appre-

ciation of the convergence and differences in understandings of confirmation and/or admission to membership.

It is important that decisions about the service of confirmation and/or admission to membership should be made by parish councils and the appropriate representatives of the wider church together, always with a view to sustaining the unity of the worshipping body.

- 8 An increasing number in the Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches see admission to communion prior to confirmation and/or admission to membership as an important step in the process of christian initiation. Some cooperative ventures have found this to be a helpful approach. Admission to communion prior to confirmation and/or admission to membership does not replace confirmation and/or admission to membership. The two acts must be clearly seen to be different. But it is an aid to the unity of the church because it is an act of the congregation involving some or all of the following :-

- [a] decision by families;
- [b] decision by Parish Council;
- [c] a public act of recognition;
- [d] acceptance by the Parish Council of responsibility for the continuing nurture of the person admitted;
- [e] noting denominational guidelines already issued.

- 9 Where the Associated Churches of Christ are a partner in a venture it is important sensitively and pastorally to recognise the baptismal doctrine and practise of that church.
- 10 Admission to Communion is part of the process of christian initiation which begins with baptism. Further, it is a reminder that our unity is found at the Lord's Table as we have been made one by Christ in our baptism.
- 11 There have been times when the church courts have not clearly responded to pain being felt in cooperative ventures in such matters as confirmation and/or admission to membership. There can also be a danger of cooperative ventures getting out of touch with changes which have taken place in the rest of the church. Such changes have often arisen as the churches attempt to respond to the experience of cooperative ventures.
- 12 It is important, then that understandings continue to develop and that cooperative ventures be part of the

process of growth and understanding. In this regard, parish consideration of "Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry" (Faith and Order Paper No. 11 of the World Council of Churches) is a valuable resource.

13 The Church worldwide is clearly in a process of change with regard to confirmation. There is also in New Zealand dialogue - cooperative venture to denominations, and denominations to cooperative ventures. As in all dialogue, it requires participants to listen patiently and to speak honestly. Cooperative ventures offer a point of growth for the church at large, as their experience is offered to, and shared by, the whole church.

4. A Workgroup based in the Hamilton Auckland area is being set up to -
 - a) Clarify for the churches the different understandings of confirmation.
 - b) Assist in the process of denominational faith sharing.
 - c) Study different liturgies with a view to mutual acceptance.

5. The Methodist Church reported on a proposal being discussed within the Connexion in 1984. The 1983 Conference affirmed the search for union with all the negotiating churches and focussed attention on the extent of united work with the Presbyterian church.

The Conference passed these resolutions:

- a) Conference agrees to ascertain the response of the Connexion to the proposition that discussions be held initially with the Presbyterian Church directed towards a form of union between the two churches.
- b) That the response of the connexion be ascertained by referring the proposition to all parishes, Samoan-/Tongan/Fijian Fellowships, the Maori Division, District Synods and Union District Councils for discussion and comment.

The Council noted that the proposition referred to the considerable degree of shared life and work between the two churches and outlined stages towards a specific commitment to unite.

The Council agreed TO NOTE THE DISCUSSION BEING CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE METHODIST CHURCH ON "A WAY FORWARD" AND ECOURAGES THE METHODIST CHURCH UNION COMMITTEE TO SHARE ITS MATERIAL WITH CHURCH UNION COMMITTEES OF OTHER NEGOTIATING CHURCHES, INVITING THEIR REFLECTION.

6. The Provincial Commission on Ecumenism appointed by the 1984 Anglican General Synod reported on the consultation on church unity held in August 1983. The report of the consultation was shared with the Council and included these conclusions.

- 1 We are and will always remain committed to the search and initiatives for ultimate church unity.
- 2 We do not think it realistic to expect union with the four partner churches in the near future.
- 3 We do not and cannot know what shape the future unity of the church will take. Therefore we must remain open to all possible avenues of reconciliation. We believe that the most promising way forward at present lies in specific joint actions in the local context.
- 4 Reconciliation involves our continuing dialogue with the partner churches, the Roman Catholic Church and other Christian churches in matters of order, doctrine and cultural identity.
- 5 While recognising our immediate involvement in the continuing quest for union with the four partner churches and in the bilateral Roman Catholic conversation, we see a further way forward in the faith and order dimension of the emerging New Zealand Council of Churches.
- 6 As an expression of our reconciliation the possibility should be thoroughly explored of holding a combined act of worship, such as the Lima Liturgy, to celebrate the unity we have in Christ and our visible commitment to one another.

THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH UNION.

7. The committee, after hearing reports from the representatives of all the churches and the work groups established by the JCCU concentrated on the priorities for its future work.

Papers, addressing the questions Why Unity ?, Why now ?, and What models of unity ? are under preparation for consideration by the Council in 1985.

THE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVE VENTURES.

8. Mutual Recognition of Members is one of the important issues growing out of both the study on Christian Initiation and the life of cooperative ventures.
A paper has been prepared setting out proposals whereby the

churches might move towards all members of cooperative ventures enjoying the privileges and responsibilities of membership in each partner church. This 'mutual membership' would only apply while they remained in the cooperative venture.

The proposal is currently under discussion by church union committees and the committee hopes to bring a recommendation to the Council in 1985.

9. New cooperative ventures are under discussion in a number of areas. Some are cooperating parishes, Dinsdale in Hamilton, Franklin West in South Auckland, Brooklyn in Wellington and Hinds in Mid-Canterbury. Covenants for various kinds of cooperative work at Omokoroa and Welcome Bay in the Bay of Plenty have been completed. Kapiti Cooperating Parish, the Auckland Chinese Community Church and the Kaiwaka Joint Use Scheme have been inaugurated. These bring the number of formal cooperative ventures to 135.
10. The Preparation and signing of agreements will become a much less laborious task with the approval of the COMMON PROVISIONS AND SIMPLIFIED GUIDELINE AGREEMENTS. PARISHES PREPARING AGREEMENTS ARE URGED TO WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR THE LATEST GUIDELINES. Using an agreement of another parish as a model is likely to cause delays rather than save time.
11. The Removal Expenses Scheme for cooperative ventures was begun with thirty two parishes in July 1984. The levy for membership in 1984/85 is \$350 and this provides member parishes with cover for the costs of inward removals as set out in the rules of the scheme published in 1983. Further parishes may join at any time, details being available from the Secretary.
12. Regional Consultations of cooperative ventures and representatives of the churches are proceeding as planned. The South Island consultations, held in Christchurch (July) and Riverton (August) were both well attended and evaluations indicated a high level of success in meeting the stated aims. These were :-
 1. To affirm the place and role of cooperative ventures in the life of the churches and New Zealand society.
 2. To encourage cooperative ventures to articulate their sense of a distinctive experience and witness within the churches.
 3. To share and develop visions and hopes for the future.
 4. To provide a forum where representatives of the cooperative ventures and regional and national

representatives of the participating churches can share frankly and freely.

5. To identify issues which liberate/inhibit the life and outreach of cooperative ventures.
6. To give members of cooperative ventures the opportunity to help shape guidelines for the future.

Planning for a North Island consultation on April 19-20-21 1985 at Taupo is well advanced and the series of consultations will be reported on next year.

13. New ministry provisions were approved by all the churches and came into effect on June 6 1984. The committee reviewed the transitional arrangements and agreed to the following resolutions: -

- a) The new ministry provisions shall, from the date of adoption apply to all ministry appointments. Ministries previously extended for the maximum possible period may be extended for up to a further two years provided the procedures for extending ministry (approved 1981) are followed.
- b) The period of all first appointments previously agreed upon stands as the first agreed term of ministry under the new provisions.
- c) These resolutions do not prejudice in future the provision of 212 para 5, Common Provisions, namely that there may be only one extension of ministry.

14. The Guide to Procedures in Cooperative Ventures is in process of revision and is expected to be published with the complete set of COMMON PROVISIONS by April 1985.
THE FOLLOWING COMMON PROVISIONS ARE NOW SUBMITTED TO THE CHURCHES FOR THEIR APPROVAL.

COMMON PROVISIONS.

- 15.

211. THE MINISTRY OF THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD.

The church's ministry derives from Jesus Christ, its risen and exalted Lord, the head of the church. Christ's ministry is prophetic, priestly and kingly and by the holy spirit is continued through the church which he sends as the servant people of the servant Lord. By virtue of their membership of his church, his people are called and commissioned to share his ministry in, to and for the world.

The church is thus called to a life of ordered yet varied service in which every member shares.

For the good ordering of this ministry God gives to the church some to minister in special ways. These are set apart, ordained, and sent, as were the apostles ... to build up the church and to equip all members for their task. This ministry exercises the functions of proclamation, service and oversight and is expressed in a form including elements that are episcopal, presbyteral and diaconal.

The Faith We Affirm Together, section 7.

1 PREAMBLE:

Understandings of the gifts of ministry require contemporary expression just as much as these gifts need to be exercised in ways appropriate to a changing church and world. The negotiating churches continue to seek new understandings separately and together. This statement sets out some we hold in common.

2 MINISTERS:

The churches believe it is the privilege and calling of every member to engage in ministry. Such ministry is committed to the spread of the gospel of Jesus Christ in every way and through:

the public and private worship of God

the offering to God of our working, family, social and political life

loving service and witness in the community and church
prophetic word and action.

This ministry belongs to the whole church and not exclusively to any individual or special order within it.

3 DIVERSE GIFTS:

Every member is called to seek and share the fullness of life lived in Jesus Christ. Each one's call may be to a different service in care for others, evangelism, preaching, administration, social work, striving for social justice, and responsible and loving stewardship of the creation.

All bring and offer particular gifts and graces, and may be ordained or commissioned to particular functions and offices at a service of public worship.

The negotiating churches make no distinction based on race or sex in authorising ministries in cooperative ventures.

4 ORDINATION:

[1] Some are set apart for ministries of word, sacrament and pastoral oversight, building up the body of Christ.

[2] Others, though set apart for this same ministry, will exercise their ministry in diverse ways, often along with a secular calling.

5 COMMISSIONING:

Beside such ordained ministries there are also those exercised by commissioned lay officers, representative and elected, who carry out particular functions. They share in the spiritual care, nurture and government of the church, and in the conduct of public worship, including in variously prescribed ways, the celebration of Holy Communion.

16.

AUTHORISED LAY WORKERS

1 DEFINITIONS:

From time to time parishes propose to employ lay workers in pastoral or leadership capacities. These appointments are to offices other than organist, choir leader, caretaker or typist.

2 APPOINTMENT:

It shall be competent for parish councils to appoint such lay workers provided -

- [1] The regional church courts (through the JRC) are satisfied that the proposal is consistent with the cooperative venture's total strategy for ministry and mission and accords with the participating churches' normal procedures. (The processes detailed in 213 para 8 are a useful guide to JRCs).
- [2] The person to be appointed satisfies the normal criteria for such appointments within their own church.
- [3] The approval and assurance of support of the congregation(s) have been obtained.
- [4] A statement is provided setting out -
 - (a) goals and objectives for the proposed work.
 - (b) a job description.
 - (c) conditions of employment including accountability, remuneration and allowances, any provisions for continuing education, the length of appointment and rights of any reappointment.

3 AUTHORISATION:

The person so appointed will normally be authorised for the work by their own church*.

The NCUC commends the guidelines for lay appointments issued by the Presbyterian Church for the guidance of parishes.

* In the Anglican church a licence is given by the Bishop.

* In the Churches of Christ and Congregational Churches authorisation is given by the congregation.

* In the Methodist Church the District Superintendent (and for sacramental ministry the President) gives authority.

* In the Presbyterian Church the Presbytery authorises.

17.

216. COLLEGIATE APPOINTMENTS..

1 DEFINITIONS:

Normally the relationship between the ministers in a cooperative venture where there is more than one minister should be of the collegiate type; i.e a ministry of strict equality, no one being recognised as the senior. Such an arrangement does not preclude each of the ministers being designated as 'leader' for specified periods.

2 APPOINTMENT:

In making an appointment the appointing church makes every endeavour to see that:

- (a) discussions are held with existing colleagues to ensure that their expectations and abilities are acknowledged in the process of seeking a new minister.
- (b) prospective appointees meet with present ministers and representatives of the Parish Council before a new appointment is ratified. (See 432)
- (c) the Parish Council and existing colleague(s) understand the terms and conditions of stipend, holidays, long service or study leave of the appointing church.

3 DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES:

The division of ministerial responsibility, whether on geographical, specialist, interest or any other basis, shall be agreed between the ministers in consultation with the Parish Council and subject to its concurrence and review.

4 SUPPORT:

To encourage the development of effective ministry within the life of the parish and community, the Parish Council shall ensure that

- (1) The colleagues seek an external facilitator to encourage and support creative interaction and personal growth between them.
- (2) Areas of pastoral and administrative responsibility are clearly defined, understood and accepted.
- (3) A ministry coordinator with clearly specified functions, who may be one of the colleagues, is designated annually.
- (4) An advisory group is appointed which includes along with the ministers:-
 - any elected wardens
 - one person chosen by each of the ministers
 - two persons nominated by the Parish Council.

The advisory group has these functions:-

- (a) To provide pastoral and professional support for the ministers and their families.
- (b) To see that effective communication is maintained between colleagues and between ministers and Parish Council.
- (c) To deal in confidence with any personal matters affecting the ministers or their families and where necessary make recommendations to the Parish Council.
- (d) To coordinate holidays, study leave, long service leave and encourage appropriate staff training.
- (e) To assist in any of the processes of consultation required under terms of appointment.
- (f) To review from time to time the allocation of responsibilities.
- (g) To deal with any matter referred to it by the Parish Council or ministers.

18.

221. MEMBERSHIP

1 DEFINITIONS:

All who have been baptised with water in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit are members of Christ's body the Church. Those members who have expressed their intention to live their discipleship as part of the fellowship of the cooperative venture are eligible to exercise the full responsibilities and privileges of membership.

This membership may be affirmed and recognised by the parish council on

- (a) membership at the time of inauguration of one of the local churches forming the cooperative venture or
 - (b) a public commitment known variously as 'Profession of Faith', 'Confirmation', 'Admission to the Lord's table' or
 - (c) the production of a letter from another parish certifying membership or
 - (d) the parish council, in special pastoral circumstances and with the concurrence of the minister(s), being satisfied that a person may be considered eligible.
- 2 All members recognise and accept the authority of the parish council and other courts of the churches.

3 ROLLS:

[1] Parish Roll

Membership in the parish shall normally be recorded in a single roll, denominational affiliations being clearly shown.

This parish roll shall be reviewed at least annually.

Members may be transferred either to the roll of another parish on moving from the district or, pastoral enquiry showing them no longer participating in the life of the parish, they may be placed on a roll of inactive members.

[2] Pastoral Roll

A pastoral roll shall be maintained of all persons under pastoral care, including those known in some churches as adherents.

4 DENOMINATION:

On all rolls kept the denomination of members and families shall be indicated in one of the following ways:

- (a) as members of one of the participating churches.
- (b) as members under reciprocal agreements between the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches.
- (c) as an Isolated member where a Church of Christ is not a participant, the General Secretary of the Churches of Christ being informed.

5 RECORDS:

Membership recorded in 4 b and c will for statistical purposes be apportioned to the participating churches on a ratio based on the declared denominational membership in the parish.

19.

222. PARISH GOVERNMENT.

A. PARISH MEETINGS

1 ANNUAL MEETING:

The parish shall hold an annual meeting to review the total life of the parish and to elect the parish council.

The parish council presents reports on all aspects of the life and work of the parish and the meeting deals with any matters referred to it by the Council, Committees, members or regional and national courts of the churches. It may make recommendations to the parish council.

2 OTHER MEETINGS:

By giving reasonable notice (not less than two clear Sundays) the parish council may call other parish or congregational meetings. These meetings will be for the purpose advertised.

Such meetings may be called on the parish council's initiative or at the request of a regional or national court or at least five members in writing.

3 VOTING:

Those on the parish roll (see 221) are eligible to vote on

all matters. Others attending meetings may speak and move motions but may vote only on matters which the participating churches from time to time determine.

B. PARISH COUNCIL

4 OVERSIGHT:

There shall be a parish council which, with the ministers, shall have responsibility for all aspects of parish life.

5 REPRESENTATION:

The parish council shall normally be constituted in such a way that each participating church or congregation is adequately but not necessarily proportionately represented. The number of members on the council may be revised from time to time as the parish meeting may decide.

In cooperating parishes the constitutional requirement remains to be able to form the quorum of a Vestry which can on occasion be able to meet separately if requested by a bishop or diocese.

6 MEMBERSHIP:

The parish council shall normally include-

[1] As many of the following as the parish meeting may from time to time determine:

[a] Those elected to a specific service in the parish, e.g. elders, stewards, managers, vestry and synods persons.

[b] Those elected for service on the Council.

[c] Those coopted to committees - who are on the Parish roll (see 221)

[2] All appointed to exercise ordained ministry within the parish. (Ministers Emeriti are eligible for election under [b]).

[3] All lay workers appointed by the parish council.

[4] All elected officers. (See para 13 below.)

7 NOMINATION:

[a] Those holding membership in the parish (see 221.1) may be nominated for election.

[b] Where applicable councillors shall be nominated by the participating congregations in sufficient numbers to fulfil at least the minimum constitutional requirements of their churches.*

8 ELECTION:

The election will take place at a parish meeting, the meeting taking account of 7[b]. In cooperating parishes any difficulties in applying this provision may be resolved by each participating parish voting separately as if electing representatives to its local church courts.

9 TERM:

Councillors are elected for a term (usually three years) retiring in rotation and eligible for re-election.

10 MEETINGS:

The parish council normally meets at least bi-monthly, and having given reasonable notice, at other times as required.

11 QUORUM:

A quorum for all meetings of the parish council shall be either a minister and eight councillors or one quarter of council, whichever is the fewer.

12 VOTING:

All elected members of the parish council may exercise a vote. Ministers not in the chair may exercise a vote in accordance with the practice of their church.

13 FUNCTIONS:

The functions of the parish council include:

- [1] Encouraging christian commitment and devotion.
- [2] Exercising effective pastoral care of all persons for whom the Parish is responsible.
- [3] Fostering the mission of the congregation(s) to the wider community.
- [4] Fixing times and places of public worship and arranging for the administration of the sacraments in accordance with the usages of the churches.
- [5] Keeping pastoral and parish rolls and receiving at least annually a report on their revision.
- [6] Seeing that all minutes and records required by churches are kept, secured, and produced when requested.
- [7] Arranging for the election of representatives to regional and national church courts. These are chosen from the membership of the parish according to the requirements of the church courts.
- [8] Being responsible for effecting the decisions of the churches and bringing relevant local concerns before them.
- [9] Being responsible for the financial administration and property maintenance of the parish and the presentation of budgets and audited annual accounts.
- [10] Arranging the procedure for the nomination and election of members to the parish council.
- [11] Reporting to the parish meeting at least annually.

14 COMMITTEES:

- [a] The parish council may form committees to carry forward the functions and policies of the council. The council appoints these committees, sets their terms of reference

and receives regular reports on their work.

Committees may be formed according to local needs.

Committees have planning and executive functions within the policies approved by the parish council.

- [b] Pastoral oversight within the parish is a primary responsibility of the whole council either through the pastoral oversight committee(s) or by council members.

All ministers are members of any such committee.

This oversight and care includes the nomination by a minister of candidates for baptism and or confirmation, the keeping and revision annually of rolls of members and persons under pastoral care. Records of baptisms, church services and weddings shall also be properly kept. (See 443 444).

- [c] It is expected that there will be committees on christian education, finance, administration and property matters.

- [d] The parish council may nominate to the Parish Meeting or co-opt additional members to the committees from among the members or from other persons associated with the parish who have gifts for particular kinds of service.

- [e] Committees meet as frequently as required (usually monthly) and report regularly to the parish council.

15 OFFICERS:

- [1] Chairpersons. Normally a minister chairs the parish council. Other provisions may be made with the concurrence of the minister or ministry team. The chairperson may move or second a motion and speak to any matter, but exercises only a casting vote.

- [2] Secretary. The parish council will elect a secretary, responsible for seeing that proper minutes and records are kept and correspondence attended to.

- [3] Wardens. Where one of the participating parishes is anglican, two Wardens shall be nominated; one by the minister(s), or in the absence of a minister by the bishop, the other as in 7[a] above ie nominated by anglican members and elected at the annual meeting.

- [4] Synodspersons. Where the anglican church is a participant it is necessary to elect a synodsperson. (See 223.)

- [5] Treasurer. The parish council will elect or appoint a treasurer.

- [6] Such other officers as the annual meeting shall from time to time determine.

- [7] Senior Member. The parish council after consultation with the minister(s) may elect from among its members or officers one or more as the senior, representative member(s) in the parish. It shall be part of the responsibility of those so elected to see that the minister(s), spouse(s) and family(s) receive personal support, to represent the parish to the minister(s) and

wider community and such other duties as the parish council may request. See also 216.

* Note: This is only required of cooperating parishes with anglican participation.

20.

223. RELATIONSHIPS WITH REGIONAL AND NATIONAL CHURCH COURTS.

1 STANDING:

Parishes continue to be regarded by regional and national church courts as one of their own, the normal channel of communication with the parish being through the parish council.

2 REPRESENTATION:

Representation of the parish to the regional and national courts of the participating churches is arranged by the parish council in the manner appropriate for each church.

3 JOINT OVERSIGHT:

[1] The courts and their committees share oversight of the parish and have the duty to consult through the Joint Regional Committee on matters of joint concern. Where there is a Union District Council this duty may be fulfilled with regard to the Methodist and Presbyterian churches in another way.

[2] Officers of the regional and national church courts continue to exercise their ministries of pastoral care and oversight taking care to consult with their colleagues in partner churches on matters of joint concern.

4 VISITATION:

Periodic visitation on the basis of the agreed questionnaire will be carried out by representatives of the regional courts. The visit will be convened, coordinated and reported by the Joint Regional Committee or by the Union District Council. (See 3.1 above and 123.)

5 APPEALS:

[1] Questions involving the interpretation or application of the common provisions or guidelines should wherever possible be resolved by the Joint Regional Committee. Further appeal may then be made to the Negotiating Churches Unity Council if resolution is not reached.

[2] Appeals against decisions of the churches are made through the normal appeal procedures of the church concerned.

concerned.

21.

231. GENERAL PRINCIPLES.

1 DIVERSITY:

Ministers and worship committees will give proper consideration to the forms and traditions of worship of the participating churches with particular regard to the ministry of Word and Sacraments.

2 UNITY:

Members will be encouraged to share together in all the forms, orders and occasions of worship within the parish including the sacramental services conducted by the negotiating churches.

3 CONSULTATION:

[1] Ministers shall remain in full consultation with and pay close attention to the views of the parish council in seeking to meet the needs of the participating churches.

[2] Where it is desired for a minister other than those appointed to the parish to conduct a baptism, marriage or funeral within the parish or of a member, arrangements can proceed only after consultation with a minister of the parish.

22.

241. FINANCE

1. The coordination of financial responsibilities is based on the following principles:

(a) Participating churches should act jointly in all dealings where departure from standard practices is contemplated.

(b) The stipend, superannuation and other allowances (including housing) of the minister are a prior charge on parish revenues.

These shall be at rates approved by the church of the minister concerned and paid at least monthly in the manner nominated by the minister.

(c) Where the parish requires a grant to maintain a ministry this will be provided by the participating churches on the basis of a ratio as agreed by them.

(d) Existing contributions for the wider work of the participating churches are to be maintained and increased.

These contributions are to be made even though a parish may be in receipt of a grant.

(e) Financial Year: Wherever the closing date of the financial year used by parishes entering cooperation differs, the date used by the majority of partners

should be adopted.

- (f) Statistics: Parishes will provide financial and other statistics to the regional courts on request.

2. SUPERANNUATION SCHEME CONTRIBUTIONS:

Employer contributions will continue to be paid to the church of each minister appointed until a successor has been inducted, or the JRC confirms that no appointment is to be made.

3. REMOVAL EXPENSES:

- [1] Cooperative ventures without Anglican participation are responsible for the removal expenses of incoming ministers. All cooperative ventures in the diocese of Waikato are responsible for full removal costs. Assistance to cooperative ventures from anglican sources in the dioceses of Christchurch, Waiapu, Wellington and Auckland is available on a proportionate basis after discussion with the diocesan offices. This discussion must take place before the removal is finalised.

[2] Removal Expenses Scheme:

There is a removal scheme for cooperative ventures and parishes are urged to become members (see 445).

- [3] Ministers should not be required to meet any accounts properly the responsibility of the parish.

- [4] Arrangements for meeting of removal expenses accounts must be made before the removal is undertaken.

4. SETTING AND REVIEWING AN APPROPRIATE RATIO FOR ASSESSMENTS TO DIOCESAN OR NATIONAL BUDGETS.

- [1] As a general guide in determining a ratio for financial responsibility, a "ratio of contribution" should be established by consultation and reviewed from time to time. This consultation and/or review should be carried out as required (at least at each visitation) by representatives of the regional courts meeting together with representatives of the parish council.

- [2] This ratio will be a matter for separate decision for each parish.

- [3] The agreed ratio must be understood to apply to all giving to the wider church including the overseas mission of each church.

- [4] In establishing or reviewing this ratio the following factors should be taken into account.

a) The relative strength of each partner congregation - members, homes, attendance at worship, census.

b) The income of the parish.

c) For newly formed parishes the existing level of support to budget assessments.

d) The needs of the cooperating churches.

- e) The need to give generously to the missions targets of the churches.
- f) Such other factors as representatives of the regional courts and the parish councils meeting together may consider relevant.

5. SETTING ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS.

In setting annual assessments the churches should consult together to see that the combined assessment falls reasonably close to the agreed ratio.

Factors a) to f) above are all relevant together with:-

- g) A reasonable level of parity with denominational parishes.
- h) The regularity with which the parish reviews its giving and challenges its people to greater commitment.

23

Guideline agreements.

311. COOPERATING PARISHES

(This agreement enables negotiating churches to work together as one parish.

A cooperating parish with anglican participation makes provision for the Vestry to meet separately if and when required by its church's constitution.)

OUTLINE AGREEMENT

1 BACKGROUND:

(A brief statement of the history of events and convictions leading to the formation of the co-operating parish).

2 PURPOSE:

(A statement of the worship, fellowship and mission purposes for which the agreement is being entered into).

3 THE PARTIES:

(The correct title of each participating parish e.g. The Billford Parish, Methodist Church of New Zealand The Billford Parochial District, Diocese of Waikland Billford Presbyterian Parish, Presbytery of Watford)

4 THE NAME:

(Of the co-operating parish)

5 THE AREA

(Location, boundaries etc.)

6 THE CONGREGATIONS:

(Name of each within the co-operating parish).

7 DEFINITIONS:

a) The Joint Regional Committee is the Joint Regional Committee of the Negotiating Churches.

b) The Common Provisions - the regulations governing all cooperative ventures as approved and or amended from time to time by the supreme courts of the churches party to this agreement.

These Common Provisions are published by the Negotiating Churches Unity Council within the Guide to Procedures in Cooperative Ventures, printed in the respective Law Books of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches and amended in the annual reports of the Council.

(Other local definitions may follow.)

8 MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the co-operating parish is as defined in the Common Provisions, 221.

(Any complementary local provisions follow.)

9 MINISTRY

Minister(s) hold their appointment in accordance with the Common Provisions, section 2.

10 PARISH COUNCIL

A parish council shall be elected and have responsibility for all aspects of parish life. The office of parish councillor, the principles of election and the functions of the council are, except as here-under specified, as set out in the Common Provisions, 215, 222 and 223.

(Any complementary local provisions follow.)

11 FINANCE:

The financial responsibilities of the parish to the churches and of the churches to the parish are as set out in the Common Provisions, section 4.

(Any complementary local provisions follow.)

12 PROPERTY:

The general provisions for the acquiring, holding, redeveloping, insuring, mortgaging, disposing or otherwise dealing with the properties made part of the cooperating parish are as set out in the Common Provisions, section 5

(Any complementary local provisions follow.)

13 DISSOLUTION:

Dissolution of this agreement may be effected in accordance with the Common Provisions, section 6.

THE JOINT BOARD OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES.

23. The alternative assessment of candidates at the Theological Hall, Knox College and St. John's College continues in 1984 - the second year of the two year trial period. Reports on this experiment will be received at the Board's annual meeting in January, 1985.

24 candidates completed the L.Th. at the end of 1983, the greater number being through St. John's College.

Examination entrance fees to the L.Th. have now been increased and thus the financial burden lightened.

The Rev. Dr. G.C. Nicholson, lecturer at St. John's College, was appointed Vice Chairman of the Board at its last annual meeting owing to the fact that the present Chairman, the Rev. Dr. F.W.R. Nichol, is on sabbatical leave from August 1984 to May 1985. Mrs. Zelma Paul continues to act as Registrar/Secretary and administers the Board's affairs from an office at St. John's College, Auckland.

Joint Assessment Committee. Most of the candidates and staff of courses were Presbyterians, although there was some participation by the Anglican Church and the Associated Churches of Christ. The Methodist Church has continued to conduct its own assessment course. In the light of this, it is appropriate that the Joint Board of Theological Studies consider whether the Joint Assessment Committee should continue as at present.

Diploma of Ministry. One student is in the final year of his Diploma of Ministry programme. The question of eligibility to the Diploma of Ministry programme is still the concern of the committee and it is happy to look at some broadening of the eligibility so as not to restrict the diploma solely to the full time stipendiary clergy.

G.C. Nicholson
Vice Chairman.

24.

REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS.

The committee met twice in 1984. The second meeting was well attended with extra representation from the constituent bodies. The committee was also represented at the two consultations of cooperative ventures held in Christchurch and Riverton.

The new statistics forms being used by Co-operating and Union parish groups have been well received though a few groups are still having difficulties. Mrs Mavis Barnett (M.W.F.) commented on the Northern South Island Consultation held recently. There was considerable discussion on a Combined Women's Project. The A.P.W. and M.W.F. are in favour but the A.A.W. does not feel able to join in at this stage.

The question of membership of Corso was discussed at length but no conclusion arrived at. It was decided to recommend that Co-operating and Union parish groups be directly represented on the JCWO.

Mrs D. Wickham,
Secretary

JOINT COMMISSION ON CHURCH UNION
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31/12/83

RECEIPTS

Contributions from Churches:

Anglican	14,923.00	
Churches of Christ	509.00	
Congregational	63.00	
Methodist	7,334.20	
Presbyterian	19,680.50	42,509.70
Bank Interest		58.89
Bank Balance 1.1.83		3,808.54
Air New Zealand Balance 1.1.83		270.80
		=====
		\$46,647.93

EXPENDITURE

Stipend & Allowances	17,719.79	
Car Allowance	2,760.11	20,479.90
Beneficiary Fund JCCU Cont.		2,293.08
Rent of Manse		4,327.00
Wages - Office Staff	6,509.19	
Less Refund	1,390.59	5,118.60
Office Rent		873.60
Office Expenses		3,050.56
Phone Rental & Tolls		1,671.49
Travel - Secretry	3,070.82	
Other	406.00	3,476.82
Annual Report	670.00	
Less Sales	481.80	188.20
JNCCE Meetings	215.00	
Less income	178.00	37.00
Photocopier		2,200.00
Typist Chair		110.00
Bank charges		13.94
Bank balance 31.12.83		2,671.85
Air New Zealand balance 31.12.83		135.89
		=====
		\$46,647.93

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

1. Bank and Air New Zealand balances have dropped by \$1272 for the year. However, the 1982 accounts include an advance contribution payment of \$1621. There was therefore a surplus of \$3449 for the year.
2. Expenditure is generally in line with budget.
3. Furniture. All items listed are in the Commission's

office.

LIST OF ASSETS AS AT 31.12.83.

Furniture Purchased	Year Purchased	Amount
Typewriter	1982	\$1200.00
Desk	1979	167.85
2 Chairs	1979	107.10
Dictaphone	1979	315.78
Office furniture		
(Secretary's desk & cupboards)	1979	567.00
Photocopier - shared	1983	2200.00
(Net cost after trade in allowance of \$200 on old copier)		
Chair	1980	156.00
Chair	1983	110.00

Sub total		\$4823.73
Credit balance at Air NZ	31/12/83	135.89
Credit balance at bank	31/12/83	2671.85

		\$7631.47

L.I. Stevens
Hon. Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I have inspectd the books of account and vouchers of the Joint Commission on Church Union for the year ended 31 December 1983 and report that the foregoing Financial Statement gives a true and fair view of the transactions for the year ended on that date.

P.H. JOHNSEN, Honorary Auditor

REQUESTS TO THE CHURCHES 1985

The requests to the churches in 1985 are:

Anglican (1984+1985)	33623
Churches of Christ	637
Congregational	74
Methodist	9685
Presbyterian	25199

Brian N. Davis, Chairman.
Dennis M. Povey, Secretary.

TRIBUTES TO DECEASED
PRESBYTERS, DEACONS
AND LAYPERSONS

MAXWELL HYAM BURN

Maxwell Hyam Burn, a member of the Whitely Congregation, died in New Plymouth on 4th April, 1984.

Max will be remembered for his humility, and for the respect he engendered throughout his life. He was always fair and careful in his dealings with others slow to point the finger, and always able to find good in others. His qualities of strength, warmth, humility and fun, enabled him to be held in such high regard. They were qualities which he brought to the wide variety of activities in which he was engaged.

By profession an Accountant, Max used his skills in his work and in many voluntary organisations. In his earlier years, he was actively involved in the Transport Industry of Taranaki. More recently, he became a Member of the Board of Trustees of Taranaki Savings Bank, serving for a period as President of the Board. Within the Masonic Lodge, he gave loyal membership and support over many years.

Max held a deep searching faith, which set for him, a path to follow, a faith to live by. He served the Whiteley Church faithfully over many years, a Member of the Church and Trust, and making his professional skills available to the Parish.

He made a significant contribution to our Church through his long association and involvement with the Grey Institute Trust. He served as a Trustee for many years, but more significantly, he acted as Secretary/Accountant to the Trust. In this capacity he gave to the Trust, the benefit of his wisdom and professional skill, and reflected a caring understanding to all who had interests in the affairs of the Grey Trust.

Max was a family man. Throughout his life, he showed a deep loving care for all the members of his family, sharing with them and supporting them in all the various activities in which they were engaged. He actively and loyally supported Isobel as she fulfilled the duties of National President of the Women's Fellowship.

With his family, we give thanks to God for the life of obedience, of service effectively given to both Church and Community.

JOHN D. GROCOTT, B.A.

John Dryden Grocott was born in Oamaru to parents whom he respected and loved very dearly and who influenced his life by their strong evangelical faith and their vigorous involvement in public affairs. As a young man in Auckland, he represented the University in rugby and rowing and began a life long interest in cricket also. His marriage to Mabel Brown began a remarkable partnership of shared interests and goals.

He began theological training in Dunholm in 1925 and his first appointment was to Wairoa in 1929 and 1930. In 1931 he took up his first Connexional task as travelling secretary to the Young Men's Bible Class movement. As a parish minister he served from 1933 onwards in Fitzroy, New Plymouth; in Onehunga; Richmond, Nelson; and Karori, Wellington. In 1951 he was appointed as secretary to the Christian Education Council of New Zealand and then in 1956 was appointed to the Riccarton Circuit as Superintendent, where he served for thirteen years.

Throughout his ministry, he gave people the benefit of his careful preparation, his wide reading and international interests. The results in the pulpit were always highly intelligent and deeply compassionate sermons, and prayers of quiet dignity and depth. He had a great affinity for families in any kind of trouble and distress, and many families beyond the normal influence of the Church were grateful for his continuing care.

He had a life long interest in peace and international brotherhood, and an interest in education. He was the foundation secretary of the N.Z. Council for Christian Education and maintained close contact with the movement. As recently as two years ago he was still actively associated with the Church's Education Commission. The same interest was evident in his work for the Rutherford Hall of Residence for University students, where he served the Board with his wise counsel and practical efforts in raising the needed finance.

Always interested in International Affairs, he devoted much of his time in retirement to the United Nations organisation, only retiring as National President when ill health finally forced him to. This prophetic spirit and imaginative approaches gave impetus to the local branch of an organisation he believed in passionately.

As a President of our Conference in 1967/68 he represented the Church with distinction and dignity. He served for a short time as Chairman of the North Canterbury District and the list of Connexional Committees he served on reflects his very broad interests and skills. Church Union Committees through the forties, fifties and sixties; International Affairs, the Methodist Times Committee, the Deaconess Board, the Faith and Order Committee, the South Island Orphanage Committee, the Committee on Spiritual Healing, the Supernumerary Fund Board, the Church Building and Loan Fund, the Ecumenical Committee, the Public Questions Committee and the Youth Board. In all of those areas he served with diligence and competence.

The family man, pastor and prophet and statesman will be remembered with gratitude and admiration but with great affection and love, many have to say that they have lost a friend. To Mable, Judith, John and Paul and to all their families, we reach out in sympathy and prayer and say "thank you for sharing him with us".

Some words of John's reveal the source of his life of service - "In almost every New Testament letter", he says, "there is a reflection of the preciousness of people. People are of infinite worth."

John Grocott was also precious to us. Thanks be to God for his life.

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HARRY H. FOW

The death of Harry H. Fow on 9th October 1983 represents a great loss to Hamilton Methodism and the City as a whole.

He came to Hamilton from Taranaki with his parents in 1905. Mr J.R. Fow was the longest serving Mayor. His son Harry served as a Councillor. Both were long serving members of the Hamilton Methodist Trust, Methodist Lay Preachers, Circuit Stewards, and Conference representatives.

Harry was a much loved and memorable Superintendent of St. Paul's Sunday School.

In commerce and sport he built a notable reputation for success, enthusiasm and integrity. His father founded, and Harry enhanced, the produce market and auctioneering firm now known as Turner and Fow.

His skill as an auctioneer was readily made available to many Waikato Congregations for fund raising.

He won National Titles in Badminton and was renowned for his vocal and enthusiastic support of Waikato Rugby.

In his commitment to Christ and the Methodist Church; the enthusiasm which marked all his service; His total involvement in the life of the Community as a Christian citizen; and the warm affection which marked his personal relationships and family ties. Harry Fow is an example and challenge to us all.

JOHN (JACK) KEIGHTLEY

Jack Keightley arrived into this world on the 27th February, 1897, in Midhurst, the eighth child of Francis and Emma Keightley; and three more followed him.

Baptised John in the Midhurst Methodist Church he was taken regularly to Church during his formative years, and this pattern he followed during his lifetime. Jack accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his own Saviour in his youth and was a tireless worker for His Kingdom.

He served his country during the First World War in the 30th Reinforcements of the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces.

Returning home wounded, he went farming the land with his brother at Springdale in the Waikato. It was here he met and married Annie Jane Baskinon on 29 June, 1920, thus beginning a very happy and fruitful partnership. Following the example of his parents they too had eleven children.

In 1926 he began as a lay preacher in the Methodist Church proclaiming to others the faith he had in the living God. Many years later the Church honoured him and he was presented with his certificate for long service and a task well done.

Children were of special interest for along with their own they gathered in others, for their home was an 'open door' for all and many today testify to the love they received in the Keightley home.

Jack served his Lord not only in the Church, but in the wider community, being Secretary for the Springdale School Committee for sixteen years, Chairman for the community athletics and sports day, a grand event that took place right up to the outbreak of World War Two.

Jack and Annie farmed at Springdale for thirty years, and at fifty-three, he moved to the warmer climate of Kerikeri to a thousand acre farm at Pungaere. The same 'open house', Sunday School teaching, lay preaching and Bible Class activities and a host of new friends began again. His Church involvement widened as he became the circuit representative to Conference.

'Grandad Keightley' as he became affectionately known to all just didn't preach and teach the Gospel, he lived the Christian life to the full in his own quiet, gentle and humble manner. He was a diplomat, smoothing troubled waters; Blessed are the Peace Makers; he seldom spoke a word out of place; Blessed are the pure at heart for they shall see God.

Jack died peacefully in Hamilton on 14th October, 1983, and his funeral service was held at the Kerikeri Union Church and he was carried to his rest at the Wairoa Cemetery in Kerikeri by six of his grandsons.

Reflecting on his life theologically he can be seen as the Patriarch, eleven children, forty-three grandchildren and twenty-four great grandchildren. Jack and Annie were indeed well blessed.

Thanks be to God for the life and witness of Jack Keightley.

HEREHERE MAIHI MAAKA

Te ao kei muri,
Te ao rangi kei mua,
Ka ngaro te tangata,
Ka memeha ki tawhiti, e.

Herehere, or Sonny as he was more popularly known, died on the 8 of August 1984 while attending the tangi for his younger brother at Waiomio. He was in declining health at the time.

It was just on four year's earlier that he and his wife, Clara, returned to the Bay of Islands from Mangere for similar reasons and on medical advice. Back in the north Sonny gained a new lease of life and became as actively involved as ever almost, in the programme of Region and Tai Tokerau Circuit up until the time of his death.

His tribal affiliations were Ngaitupango and Te Aupouri of the far north. He grew up in Oturu, Matauri Bay and the Bay of Islands. Sonny was a keen sportsman and excelled on the tennis court and rugby field. He often recalled with some pride his associations with J.B. and Peter Smith; also M.N. Paewai and N.P. Cherrington.

More affirming responses to church and Christian influences came late in life to Sonny. He was not unfamiliar with Anglican, Ratana and Methodist forms of faith and practice. Marriage to Clara Wilcox, however, led finally to greater Methodist influence as they settled in Kawakawa. There in 1961, while an employee at the nearby Moerewa Freezing Works, Sonny responded to local and Circuit wishes that he be a lay preacher among them. A year or so later and he was well on the way to exercising the full-time ministry for which he is so highly respected and remembered, especially within Waikato and Tai Tokerau.

In 1963 both Sonny and Clara were approached to consider taking up an appointment in Hamilton - Clara as Matron of Te Rahui Wahine and Sonny to serve in a full-time capacity with the Waikato Circuit staff. They accepted, and 1965 saw them moved further south to take up the Tokoroa appointment. In 1969, however, they were heading back to Tai Tokerau where Sonny was later to pick up the Circuit Superintendency, first from Waima in the Hokianga and then in 1975 from Kamo in the Whangarei Region. In 1978 Sonny was moved to hold the position at Mangere East. The subsequent year saw his Ordination and reception into full Connexion, together with his formal retirement from the active work.

We mourn Sonny's passing from this life, but continue giving God praise and thanks for the life and ministry of a much respected colleague and father in the faith.

Ki a koe e Kerara, me te whanau, mokopuna hoki: kia noho tonu a Ihowa ki a koutou i nga wa katoa.

A koe hoki e te Herehere, huihui tahi atu ki te putahi nui o Rehua, otira, ki te huinga o te Kahurangi. Haere, haere, haere.

BRIAN LEONARD OLSEN, B.ED., DIP.S.L.T.

Born in Wanganui on the 7th December 1939, Brian died suddenly on the 20th July 1984, having just returned home from a regular early morning jog. His tangi was held at Queen Victoria School, Parnell, Auckland, until he was laid to rest in the Public Cemetery at Tuakau.

Brian's early years of home, school and community life were located in Palmerston North. There too he received nurture and some encouragement within the Methodist Church, especially at Trinity where the Rev. George Goodman ministered at the time. He was led to spend a year at the School for Christian Workers in Auckland and later, to candidate for the Ordained Ministry. Acceptance and preparation confirmed the exercising of his sense of call within the Methodist Church. This was further reinforced by his marriage to Phyllis Lobb of Sanson-Rongotea. Although experiencing some disillusionment during his Probationary years, he remained firm in his Methodist faith and practice.

The adoption of their eldest son, Tama, in 1964 was perhaps the initial hint some had of Brian's deep personal concern for those deprived and disadvantaged. And to match his growing concern and commitment he persevered with the learning of Maori, and the teaching of English as a second language. An appointment to Tokoroa in 1967 helped facilitate achievements in this direction. Finally, Brian was to concentrate on education and teaching full-time.

A teaching position at the new Tuakau College from 1977-1980 extended his own experience and skills in teaching, together with relating to young Maori people and the community at large. Netball, in particular, became a major winter preoccupation. From Tuakau Phyllis was able to begin and then complete her teacher training. Parents, children and local community were thus able to share in a wide range of common interests and concerns. For Brian this often included a preaching, pastoral and sacramental ministry.

But many, if not all, of Brian's educational hopes and aspirations, together with his sense of call to ministry came together as he took up the position of Deputy Principal of Queen Victoria School from 1981. A whole range of personal, family and community experience and relationships seemed to have prepared Brian in a unique way for Queen Victoria School and its hopes, as well as those entertained beyond.

In this latter respect, as a member of the Wesley College Board of Governors Brian had just been asked to lead a small subgroup's assessment of the forms and expressions of "Te Taha Maori" in the school sector of College life. In the context of the movement toward a bi-cultural Methodist church, Brian's ready offer of assistance to the Joint Working Committee was received with considerable anticipation. High promise in these and other directions, however, was cut short by Brian's untimely death.

Na reira, e aroha ana ki a koe e Phyllis; ki a koutou hoki e Tama, e Wayne, Jackie, Christine me Erina. Kia kaha, kia manawanui.

E Brian, haere hoki ki te Kaihanga: haere, haere, haere.

GEORGE RAPHAEL THOMPSON

George Thompson's life here came to an unexpected and sudden end when he died in Auckland Hospital on the 23rd July 1984 after two severe strokes. George commenced his life in Auckland, born on 5th June, 1905. He attended Newton East Primary School and Auckland Grammar. Both his parents belonged to the Salvation Army having each received an experience of Christ and His call to service which they shared with him. At the age of 21 George commenced his theological training and became a Salvation Army Officer serving in Rotorua, Lower Hutt, Ponsonby Road Auckland, and Wellington Central. He also served as Youth Director for the Canterbury and Westland Districts. This ministry was interrupted by the Second World War when he served overseas with the 3rd Division in the Pacific, 1942-1944 as a Chaplain. He was mentioned in Dispatches for distinguished service during the Solomons campaign and was awarded the Efficiency Decoration and Clasp. It was during this time that he worked with the Rev. Harry Voyce and this was to change again the course of his life's work. On his return to New Zealand in 1945 he applied to the Methodist Church for a place in its ministry. He was ordained in 1946.

In 1930 George had married Ella Hamilton of Gore who for 37 years was his faithful companion in Port Albert, Morrinsville (4 years), Wanganui (7 years) Dargaville (4 years) and Ngaio Wellington (8 years). While in Wanganui George Thompson became the first appointee by the N.C.C. as Prison Chaplain and was part time Hospital Chaplain at Wellington. By this marriage there were two daughters, Elaine and Lois. While at Ngaio Ella died in 1967 and two years later George was married again, his bride being Nancy Gaustad daughter of the well known Bennett family of Wellington Methodism. For the last 15 years of his life here these two served the Church in the active work and in retirement. On three occasions George, being a past chaplain, returned to the Mission Field with ex-service men and women and other interested people. Two treasures he valued were first a N.Z. flag which had been with him in the war, and a precious cross of wood rescued with tremendous courage from the Japanese by a Solomon Island lad. In retirement George served the Waterview Church and its people, and was honorary Chaplain to the R.S.A. in Avondale, New Lynn, Glen Eden, Henderson and Piha, and also to the Kings Empire Veterans Association (Auckland). This embraced some 60 clubs. It was in this area that George gave what surely was an outstanding and unsurpassed period of service in an area where so many people, not officially associated with the organised Church, valued the Christian message and its relevance to their lives. The area of work grew until George was carrying an almost intolerable load of ministry and caring and feeling this weight he wrote in his diary for April 1984 "This is the last".

Deeply committed to the Healing Ministry of the Church George lived in the presence of His Risen Lord, and like Him gave everything he had to give to others. Humble, self-effacing, he preached, served, and spread the Evangel until in his full stature his work came to an end. The funeral service at Mt Albert Methodist Church revealed the extent and depth and success which was accorded, Under God, to the ministry of his closing years.

GEORGE WILLIAM WHITLAM

George Whitlam was a quiet, gentle person whose death leaves a real gap in his family, the Church and the community groups to which he belonged. He was born in England and brought up in Scotland. After leaving school he entered the Royal Navy as an Officer Cadet and during his service in the Second World War rose to the rank of Lieutenant. After the war he trained as a teacher, coming to New Zealand in 1954 with his wife and family. He taught first at the School for the Deaf at Sumner and at Shirley Intermediate School until his retirement, specialising in Art.

George served his Lord faithfully both in the Church and in the community. He was a very acceptable Lay Preacher, known for his thoughtful and carefully prepared sermons. He served on both the National and District Executives of the Lay Preachers' Association and at the time of his death was President of the North Canterbury branch. He represented the Christchurch East Parish at Conference and Synod and made his contribution to their work. On the local level he was a Trustee of the Wainoni Church for 20 years and as Trust Secretary fulfilled his duties faithfully.

In the Community he used his gifts as an art teacher to help people find a sense of achievement and worth. Classes at the prison, through Handiscope centres and the Iona Community were important aspects of his life. As a keen gardener he took an active interest in the local Garden Club.

Many thanks to God for the life of George Whitlam and for the privilege of having known him. To his wife, Barbara, his daughter, Sally and her family, his father and brother, the Church extends its love and sympathy.

J. C. ALDWYN WILLIAMS

The sudden death of Aldwyn Williams on November 2th, 1983 deprived Helensville of a much appreciated citizen and left the South Kaipara Co-operating Parish bereft of a greatly loved and valued minister. For since his retirement in 1975 Aldwyn has continued a vital ministry. Twice, between ministries, he "held the fort" in the Co-operating Parish for a combined period of over a year. But also, right through his eight supernumerary years, Aldwyn gave leadership in the Parish, was friend and counsellor to each successive minister, and accepted a steady assignment of worship and preaching responsibilities.

Aldwyn was a great pastor, with a warm spirit and a ready ear. His ministry took him from Hikurangi (where he served for 18 months as a Home Missionary before entering Trinity College), to Roxburgh, Willowby (in which Circuit he was born and brought up in a thoroughly Methodist family), Linwood (where he gave leadership in the planning of the new Wainoni Church), Gisborne and Kingsland. In each place he is remembered for his caring for people and the warmth of his friendship which reached beyond his congregation. His winning smile and his down-to-earth Christian philosophy helped him relate to people ordinarily unmoved by the church.

Aldwyn's preaching carried that characteristic note of warmth and concern. With it he held broad sympathies. His horizons were wide. His attitudes were ecumenical; latterly, though unshakeably appreciative of his Methodist heritage and always true to his church and his ordination, he found much joy and fulfilment in serving the Anglican church in the Co-operating Parish. His wider ministry found expression in such service as organising for CORSO, N.C.C. activities, Marriage Guidance and Inter Church Counselling, in part-time chaplaincy at Auckland's Mater Misericordiae Hospital. He treasured many friendships in the Pacific Island community.

A practical man, he was always attentive to the maintenance and care of property; he wielded paint brush and hammer to good effect on church buildings, and, in his retirement home created a cosy haven. Mrs Williams (Florence Penhall of Taranaki) has fully shared Aldwyn's ministry with her devoted personal support and Parsonage of open hospitality. She has given leadership in women's groups and contributed through her music. Her exquisite lace and embroidery enhance their later churches.

Aldwyn's family meant much to him; and he was dear to them. The church's sympathy is with Florence, the two daughters Gwyneth and Ilene, their husbands and the loved and loving grandchildren. And the church expresses its thanks for a good servant of Jesus Christ faithful, witnessing, useful to the end. To have known Aldwyn was both tonic to Christian faith and sound pledge of a good life beyond.

TE ORAHI TAMATI O RAUKAWA PUMIPI TONGA

E papaki tu ana te tae ki Te Reinga,
E papaki tu ana,
E papaki tu ana.

I te ra nei ko koe tena e Te Orahi, na reira, haere i muri i te tini, i te mano; hoki atu ki te kainga tuuturu mo tatou mo te taangata; e kare, haere, haere, haere atu.

TE ORAHI TAMATI O RAUKAWA PUMIPI TONGA was born at Kawhia in the year 1900. His tribal affiliations were Ngati Hikairo and Ngati Mahanga of the Tainui canoe.

Many of his early years were spent at Aramiro. There he came under the influence and teaching of Maori Mission staff such as the Revs. Heemi Rihimona, Te Aho-o-te-rangi Pihama, Rore Edwards. Also, Sister Waiata Nicholls.

Te Orahi began employment as a farmhand at the age of 13. He worked for two employers only before appointed Foreman of the Aramiro station. He is still remembered in the Raglan district for his farming ability, which eventually brought him the Ahu Whenua farming award trophy.

Later he moved to a land development scheme at Waikaretu as manager until 1962.

According to Maori custom Te Orahi married Raiha, a daughter of the Rev. Te Aho-o-te-rangi Pihama. The partnership reinforced a commitment to the Methodist Church and a complementing of the gifts each had to offer. Raiha became a member of the celebrated Waiata Choir.

Together they raised a family of two sons and seven daughters, also several foster children. Almost all the 58 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren mourned his death at Papa-o-roto marae in July 1984.

An approach from the General Superintendent of Home and Maori Missions back in early 1962 finally led to his appointment as a Maori Home Missionary, based at the Galbraith Street parsonage, Ngaruawahia. Except for a knowledge of his own tribal culture and traditions, together with a deep concern for his people, Te Orahi came to his new task of ministry with little training, equipping or support. However, the fact that he did minister with great success from his Ngaruawahia base, almost until the time of his final illness, provides ample proof of the strength of his Christian understanding, faith and commitment.

Down through the years, the Methodist Church, and the Maori community, have been extremely well served by its Home Missionaries - both Honorary and Stipendiary. Te Orahi was no exception. Indeed, he was an outstanding example.

MALO TIAPU'E

Malo Tiapu'e was born to a very strong Methodist family. His father, the late Sa'eni, was a popular Methodist carpenter and his uncle, the late Siologa was a lecturer at Piula Theological College in Western Samoa. Malo was born on November 1, 1932 at the village of Avao in Savai'i, Western Samoa. He and his twin sister were the youngest of a family of 5 boys and 4 girls. Malo began schooling at his village's primary school, Matāutu Secondary School and then at Vaipōuli High School. From there he went to Avele Agricultural College at Apia. When his father died, family circumstances required him to return home to do the "fatu'āiga", (to render service for the family e.g. to plant food crops and to feed the family etc).

Having been released from the "fatu'āiga" in the early 1960s, Malo moved to Apia to take up a plumbing job. Under traditional family obligations, Malo sent the money he earned to educate his cousins, nephews and nieces. Malo married his first wife in the late 1960s; and in 1968 with one daughter, the family decided to seek a new life in New Zealand. The family settled at Palmerston North where they attended the Samoan Methodist congregation. Feeling the call to be a lay preacher, Malo sat and passed the Samoan Conference Laos Course. Again he took up a plumbing job which he followed throughout his life. Through illness, Malo's first wife died in 1969. Again, Malo made a new start when he married Miss Miriama Mata'u in 1970. The family moved to Petone in 1973 where they became very active and dedicated members of the Wesley Methodist Church, Petone.

Malo Tuapu'e held many leadership positions in his local church, helping members to uphold the faith that he himself worked so hard to express both in the church and in the wider field of community. He was a lay preacher, trustee, Leaders' Meeting representative, Sunday School teacher, youth advisor and until just prior to his death, he was a Samoan Fellowship Steward.

In 1981, Malo offered for the Self-Supporting Ministry and began his training in 1982. To this end, the Leaders' Meeting had signed a covenant with him, expressing their love and affection and support to help him in the strong sense of calling which he felt was his.

On July 27, 1984 at 2.35 a.m., Malo Tiapu'e died suddenly and peacefully at his home, 17 Tory Street, Petone.

Malo was an enthusiastic preacher with a booming voice and a smiling face. He had a strong faith and great love for his local church which he strongly supported. He was popular in the community for his readiness to help at any time when his plumbing service was called for; even when he was already dressed up to go to church on Sunday.

Malo was a man of great determination, perseverance, generosity and with a quick hot temper.

Malo Tiapu'e is survived by his wife, his three daughters, one son and one grandson.

ERIC WILSON HAMES, M.A.

Eric Wilson Hames, M.A., Fellow of Trinity College, Fellow of Wesley College, died on Sunday, October 7th, 1984 aged 87.

He was born at Takapuna on July 31 1897. Mr and Mrs Luther Hames, his parents, belonged to pioneering Albert-land families. At the age of 20 he volunteered for war service and saw active service in France. Accepted as a candidate for the ministry in 1919 he spent three years at Dunholme. His probation was served at St John's, Nelson (1923), and at Cashmere (1924-1927). While at Nelson he graduated M.A. with first-class honours in history. While at Cashmere he married Miss Mary Wilson.

Circuit appointments were Northern Wairoa (1927-1930), Addington (1930-1936), and Dominion Road, Auckland (1936-1939). He was, in 1939, called to Trinity Theological College as resident tutor. He was appointed acting Principal in 1941 and was Principal from 1945-1963.

Mr and Mrs Hames built a good marriage and a happy family. Their three sons, along with their wives and children have good cause to be proud of their parents and grandparents.

Mr Hames contributed to many aspects of the church's life, but it will be for his term as Principal that he will be chiefly remembered. While the church recognised in him an able administrator, a preacher, pastor and historian, his students also enjoyed his impish humour, his love of detective novels, his down-to-earth pastoral caring, his scholarship which, though disciplined, never lost the common touch, and a deep spirituality. He faced the challenge of the post-war years when married students became more common, the first women candidates for prebyteral ministry were accepted, the School for Christian Workers was established and the College curriculum was modernised. He taught most subjects in the curriculum. Classes may have been small but it was a mammoth task.

Little wonder he worked hard to persuade Council and Conference of the need to enlarge the teaching staff. Under his leadership a remarkably effective staff was built up.

Mrs Hames played an important role in the life of the College, for their earliest years at Trinity were at a time when the wife of the resident tutor had oversight of the domestic arrangements. At the time of his retirement he wrote, 'I have given the College what it was in me to give, and found great happiness in that service.'

Mr Hames had been Secretary of the North Canterbury District and for 12 years was Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the Auckland District. He was Chairman of the Home and Maori Mission and Overseas Mission Board. As Chairman of the Faith and Order Committee he helped the church develop a worthy theology of ministry and church and was able to pursue his interest in liturgical revision. In 1950 he served as President of the Conference and attended the World Methodist Conference in Oxford, England. His Presidential address was, not unexpectedly, on the theme of 'Methodist Churchmanship'. He yearned to see a Methodist Church with a deep sense of God Almighty at its heart and an appreciation of the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition.

In retirement he continued to teach part-time in the College and at Auckland University. He remained an active member of Prince Albert College and Probert Trusts, the Wesley College Trust Board (of which he was made a life member) and, as Fellow of Trinity College, continued to take a lively interest in College matters.

He was fascinated by John Wesley and had the happy knack of being able to pass that fascination on to his students. He was a member of the Wesley Historical Society almost from its beginning and was President for a long period. His historical publication included '100 years at Pitt St', 'Walter Lawry', 'Out of the Common Way', 'Coming of Age' (2 volumes in 150th Anniversary histories), 'Prince Albert College Trust', 'Wesley College' and 'Probert Trust', 'Teaching the Faith' and 'Christian Behaviour Today'.

Mr Hames lived a long life, and was able to live it fully until the final months. He was a fine teacher, a caring pastor, a capable administrator and a wise friend - but most of all, and quite simply, he was a good, honest human being. He was proud to be a minister of the Gospel and one of the people called Methodist. He was a father-in-God to many. We extend to Mrs Hames, to Dick, Phillip and Roger the sympathy and continuing affection of the Church.

RECORD OF SERVICE

RETIRING PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS

COLIN DODSWORTH CLARK, M.A.

Colin Clark was born in Hamilton in 1921. His parents who were deeply involved in the church at Maeroa, created the home environment which led to the ministry in later years. His father, James Clark, was instrumental in organising a working bee which saw the Maeroa Church built in one day and open for worship the following Sunday. Colin acknowledges a very real debt to the Bible Class movement, which greatly influenced his development during his earlier years. From school he began work in the Design Branch of the Hydro-Electricity Department, where he remained until the war years. This led to a conscientious objection appeal, which was dismissed and resulted in his spending three and a half years in detention until the war's end.

In 1946 Colin was appointed a Home Missionary Probationer at Upper Hutt and from there he went to Trinity College during 1947-1949. He was appointed a probationer at Greytown 1950-52, after which he went to Sydenham 1953-59. While there he graduated M.A. in Psychology at Canterbury University, thereby revealing his gifts as a scholar. Subsequent appointments were Hawera 1960-64; Wellington South 1965-72; Tawa Union Parish 1973-78; Plimmerton-Paekakariki 1979-84.

While serving faithfully through the years as a pastor, Colin has also given a fine contribution to the Church through his keen interest in Worship, Social implications of the Gospel, Spirituality and Ecumenism. These interests were expressed in his work on many Connexional Committees. In Christchurch he served on the Spiritual Healing Committee. Then in Wellington he was a member of the Board of Christian Education; the Church Union Committee; the J.C.C.U. and its Sacraments Committee; the Public Questions Committee and the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs. He was Secretary of the Joint Committee on Extension for seven years and has for many years been a member of the Candidate's Assessment Committee. His major contribution to the wider church has been through his involvement in the Public Questions Committee, the J.C.C.U. and the Church Union Committee. He served on the Public Questions Committee for 20 years, 11 years as Chairman. An extract from the 1976 Conference Minutes fittingly sums up his work in these many fields - "During his long term of office, the Committee has been involved in a wide gamut of social and moral issues. With a few exceptions they have involved hard work and painstaking research - and at times reaction and opposition. In areas such as law reform on homosexuality and abortion - to mention just two - Colin Clark has shown insight, conviction and courage of a high order".

A man who keeps abreast of modern theological thinking, a thoughtful preacher, with wide and varied interests, he has served the Church well.

In 1949 he married Zelda Harper at Lyall Bay. Through the years Zelda has loyally supported Colin in his ministry. The devoted parents of three daughters and two sons, we wish them a happy retirement in their Plimmerton home.

WILFRED FRANKLIN FORD, C.M.G., B.A.

The name of Wilf Ford has long been a household word in New Zealand Methodism.

Born in 1920 into a family thoroughly rooted in Methodism, his early days were spent in the Edgeware Road Church Christchurch, where his qualities of leadership began to emerge in Bible Class, in the North Canterbury Y.M.B.C. Union, in the District Education Committee and in lay preaching.

Following the war in which he served in New Zealand in the Y.M.C.A. and in the Field Ambulance in the Pacific, Wilf began Theological training in 1946, combining this with university studies and a Student Pastorate at Grey Lynn.

Appointments were: Roskill 5 years, Porirua (Pukerua Bay to Tawa) 3 years, Director of Youth Department - later Department of Christian Education - 12 years, Wellington Central 6 years, Wanganui 7 years (both team ministries) and Hamilton 3 years.

A continuous ministry in Wellington enabled Wilf to participate constructively in times of rapid change. Christian education as belonging to the whole church, group life, the church and politics, new understandings of ministry, new insights into human potential - in all these and in other areas Wilf was creative and encouraging, giving support to people caught in the criticisms and misunderstandings that arise in times of change.

Called to the Presidency he made his emphasis the nature of ministry and he encouraged and helped many in the seminars held throughout the country.

Wilf's community involvement was outstanding. Marriage Guidance (he is currently President of the National Council), the Homosexual Law Reform Society, Deputy-Chairman of the New Zealand Broadcasting Council - these and others marked his commitment to community wellbeing. Also, during his Presidential year he visited Vietnam as a member of the Church Leaders' visit to that country.

Leadership in the Church was exercised through membership of the Joint Standing Committee for Church Union and the J.C.C.U. that succeeded it. He was Chairman of the Wellington and Taranaki-Wanganui Districts, sometime convener of the Public Questions Committee, and of the Board of Publications.

In 1942 he married Joan Holland from the Shirley Church and their home and life shared with their three daughters Robyn, Wendy and Beth, was a source of joy, inspiration and support. And now seven grandchildren add to the joy. The death of Joan in 1981 was a tremendous loss of a person who, in her own right, served the Church magnificently.

Wilf married Mary Astley in 1982 and they have shared ministry in Hamilton in a partnership which has not only enriched their life but the life of the Church.

In recognition of his community work Wilf was awarded the high honour of the C.M.G. He now retires with the gratitude and thanks of the whole Church for his stimulating and creative ministry. May he and Mary be richly blessed in the years ahead.

R. LESLIE GEORGE

There must be few Methodists who have attended Conference year by year who have not seen the cartoon sketches drawn by Les George. With delightful humour he often caught the essence or the trivia of debates and helped us to laugh at ourselves. But there is much more to Les than skill with brush and ink.

He was born on 23rd December 1924. After a 6-year apprenticeship in the bookbinding trade, he went as a Home Missionary to Waitoa and Ohura over 1½ years. Accepted as a candidate in 1949 he attended Trinity Theological College. It was in the student's magazine that his sketches began to catch the attention of his colleagues.

After a term at Frankton Junction, Hamilton, Les went to Island Bay, during which term he was ordained, then he served at Northland-Thorndon, Waihi and Apiti Circuits until 1968. The following year he was granted leave to assist as artist on the book, "God Alive," and during this time lived at Foxton and helped the Presbyterian Church with preaching during a vacancy. Then he was appointed to Taita Union Parish, followed by Newlands Union and Turangi Co-operating Parish. While at Taita he was called upon to use his artistic skills as assistant-editor for a number of publications for both Methodist and Presbyterian Churches.

Les married Aileen Neal in 1955 and they have five children. Family life has been of great importance to him and has done much to provide him with an anchor in the stresses of ministry.

As a preacher he has a freshness and vitality in his use of words and in his ability to express the Christian faith from deep personal commitment and experience. He has a sensitivity to the feelings and needs of people, and many will pay tribute to his caring concern. In Turangi he has been involved in and served as chairman of a successful Work Co-operative Board that has helped to meet the needs of the community's "work disadvantaged."

In addition to art, his recreational activities include music, drama and story-telling, and his present appointment also affords him good opportunity for tramping in the surrounding mountain country where he feels close to God in the beauty and peace of Nature.

In recent years the work of ministry has brought many pressures affecting his health. As well, family reasons and the desire to do some different things have led him to retire a little early, but he has done his work faithfully and well, and will be regarded as a friend to many people in parishes where he has served. His colleagues and friends wish him and Aileen God's blessing as they enter this new phase of life in Turangi. May their retirement give them long years of happiness and creativity without the strains of full-time ministry.

DEREK GORDON LAWS, F.C.A., A.C.I.S.

Derek Gordon Laws was born in Napier in 1925 into a home long steeped in Methodism. His father, Gordon, was an honoured Lay Preacher and home missionary and was at one time an accepted candidate for the Ministry.

Derek received his education at Napier and New Plymouth, and then there begun for him a career in Accountancy in his father's firm of Public Accountants. Assiduous study brought him high qualifications in his career. Then in 1959 there came a call to full time ministry. Derek with his wife Yvonne responded to this call, which meant relinquishing the position of senior partner in the family firm and moving with three children to Mangere in the Orehunga Circuit, where Derek was a student pastor for three years.

Then followed appointments in Hamilton East Circuit 1963-68, Invercargill, St Peters 1969-73, Beckenham, Christchurch 1974-81 and Hornby 1982-84 where Derek exercised a community based ministry, being as well as the Minister of the Parish, the co-ordinator of the Hornby Community Care Centre.

Always outward looking and seeking to broaden his experience of life and ministry, Derek and Yvonne undertook an exchange ministry in the United States in 1967 for one year and in 1981 undertook three months supply in the Uniting Church of Australia.

Derek shared the ecumenical vision of the Church and was one of the Ministers responsible for establishing the Chartwell Co-operating Parish in Hamilton. His social concern and conscience was evidenced by his service on Lifeline for 14 years.

Derek has found fulfilment in the preaching and pastoral aspects of ministry and at the same time has placed his professional training at the service of the Church. He has served the Districts in many and varied accounting and secretarial roles and has conducted Stewardship programmes for many parishes. Connexionally, Derek has played a full part in the life of the Church being at times a member of the Board of Management of the Connexional Office of the Board of Administration, the Conference Law Revision Committee and other Conference and Connexional groups and committees.

But it is in the life of the Parish in its worship and pastoral responsibilities that holds the greatest sense of joy and brings the sense of a life well spent. In this Yvonne has fully shared and has brought her own contribution of friendliness and gracious hospitality, and contributed to the life of the Church in the Womens Fellowship, Choirs and Sunday Schools. During the past three years she has sought to bring light and truth to Methodists by working in the Connexional Printery. Their three children, Bruce, David and Joanne, have all in their own ways contributed to the life of the home and to ministry.

As Derek and Yvonne retire they do so with the love and esteem of the Church and with the hope that they will be able to enter joyously and creatively into the years of retirement.

PETER A. STEAD, B.A.

Peter Stead was born in Lawrence but lived for most of his early life in Invercargill from which Circuit he came up as a candidate following overseas service of 2½ years in the army. He served for 2 years at Lincoln Road/Sockburn in the Riccarton Circuit, then in Edgeware Road in the St. Alban's Circuit.

In 1959 he was appointed to St. Paul's, Palmerston and during that period he served for 4 years as Chairman of the Hawkes Bay Manawatu District.

Two years ministry in Great Britain followed at the Manchester Methodist Mission, St. Annes-on-Sea, and Blackpool Central. Opportunity was taken also for a session at the Bossey Ecumenical Institute in Geneva. On his return from Britain Peter served for 8 years as minister of St. Paul's, Hamilton and Superintendent of the Hamilton Circuit. While there he was elected as President of the Methodist Church and gave a strong lead to the Connexion at Conference 1976 and the following year especially in issues of social concern. His last appointment for the past five years was in the South Kaipara Co-operating Parish.

In 1953 Peter married Ngaio Chapman from an old established South Canterbury Methodist family. Ngaio has had a significant ministry in her own right, using particularly her gifts in music. Latterly her skill in crafts has drawn women into creative fellowship. They rejoice in 3 daughters, Stephanie, Rachel and Paula and several grandchildren. During his ministry Peter was involved in the establishment of several new churches, Aldred Memorial in Christchurch, Milson in Palmerston North and St. David's Co-operating Parish in Dinsdale in Hamilton. He was closely identified with social service work in Palmerston North where he was Chairman of the Manawatu Methodist Social Service Centre and a Director of Samaritans in Manawatu as well as being involved in the establishment of the Mahi Tahi Home for women and girls in Hamilton. Interested in University affairs he chaired a Steering Committee to set up a Chair of Religious Studies at Massey University. He also served in Palmerston North and Hamilton as Chairman of the local National Council of Churches, and was a Foundation Member of the Joint Commission on Church Union.

He was the first Convener of the Spiritual Healing Committee in Christchurch and of the Committee on Ministry in Auckland. Peter will probably be best remembered by his colleagues for his sense of Methodist Churchmanship. In this he followed in the succession of his early mentor, Rev. Robert Thornley. The people of his parishes will long remember Peter as a powerful and yet winsome preacher, diligent in his preparation and thought provoking in his presentation.

Peter will continue to be loved by those to whom he ministered as a caring pastor, especially in times of crisis and in this Ngaio will be completely identified. We in the church and many others in the wider community, grateful for their ministry, pray for them grace and peace and good health as they retire to their seaside home on Waiheke Island.

LANE MATARECE TAUROA B.A.

Lane Tauroa was born in Russell, Bay of Islands in 1925. His early education included one year at Wesley College. Encouraged by the late Dr. Maharaia Winiata, Lane returned in 1948 to Wesley as a part-time student and gardener. The following year he enrolled at Auckland University College and a year later entered Trinity College where he spent four years undertaking both theological and university training. He used well this extra year and graduated B.A. Lane was later awarded a World Council of Churches Scholarship to study at Union Theological Seminary. The Maori Section of the National Council of Churches showed its confidence by sponsoring his time overseas.

By accepting the challenges offered by these avenues of training Lane developed his gifts of thoughtful leadership and understanding and these were placed unreservedly at the service of the Church.

His first Parish was at Kawhia and after ordination at Te Kuiti in the King Country Circuit.

In 1963 Lane went to Indonesia as a Fraternal Worker where he rendered valuable service for four years. One of his achievements was to become proficient in the language of the people amongst whom he lived.

In 1967-68 Lane was stationed in New Plymouth in the Taranaki Maori Circuit and this was followed by an appointment as Chaplain to the Waikeria Youth Centre near Te Awamutu for eight years. Then in 1977 came the appointment to the Pakeha Circuit of Hawera. The concluding three years of ministry were spent at Mangere in the South Auckland area.

Maori Circuits, Fraternal Worker, Prison Chaplain, Pakeha Circuits; service in all these illustrate the range of gifts and the wide acceptability of his ministry. Few, if any, could have served in such a wide variety of situations.

In all his work and in the establishment of their home Lane was ably assisted and supported by his wife, Mavis (formerly Mavis Dickie a Deaconess), who has carried forward her own ministry of care. Their four children make their own contribution to home, community and ministry, and continue to enrich their lives.

A diligent hard worker, a good preacher able to use simple concise language, a good participant and listener on the Marae, fluent in the Maori language, good in the counselling situation - these are some of the deep impressions made upon those amongst whom Lane has lived and worked.

Lane and Mavis retire with thanks and gratitude of the Church and the communities whom they have sought to serve. Doubtless they will continue to serve their Lord and his Church. May they be granted health and strength so to do.

ALEXANDER C. WATSON

Alex Watson was born in Dargaville and brought up in Wiri, South Auckland. On leaving school he eventually went to Teachers College and commenced a teaching career. The love of the land was very much part of Alex and it looked as though the way was opening up for him to change career and become a farmer. However, while attending Youth Conference at Paerata 1950-51, he received what was for him a very strong call to the ministry. He entered Trinity College in February 1951 as a private student and was accepted as a Candidate for the Ministry at the 1951 Conference. In 1954 he was appointed to Taihape as a probationer, serving there for two years. In 1955 he married Sheena Waddell and the Conference that year appointed Alex to the then Solomon Islands District. Before proceeding overseas he was ordained in Lower Hutt. The Watsons served 11 years in the Solomon Islands at Kokegalo, Vella Lavella and Honiara. They returned to New Zealand late 1966 and since then have served in Paeroa, 4 years; Kaikohe-Bay of Islands, 3 years; Christchurch South (St James & Lincoln Road) 1 year; Spreydon (St. John's) 3 years; and Christchurch East (Shirley) 7 years.

Alex has a deep concern for people. He has been a hard working pastor who has given time and energy to care for people. His strong sense of commitment has meant he has sought to call others to that same commitment through his preaching. He has taken seriously the work among children and young people and enjoyed opportunities to take Religious Instruction in schools, to take leadership in camps for intermediate age children, to be chaplain for Brigade groups and to help with Easter activities for young people. Perhaps it can best be summed up by the words of a parishioner who said, "You won't find a more committed, harder working minister than Alex."

Sheena has also exercised a ministry in all their appointments. She has shared with Alex the sense of commitment and concern for people. In the Solomon Islands her specialist nursing training meant she could help medical staff in difficult situations. In New Zealand she has taken leadership in Women's Fellowship groups and through the hospitality of the home helped many in their time of need. As they grew older, the family, Judith, Annette, Elizabeth, Andrew and Jonathan have also played their part, so that in a very real sense it has been a family ministry.

We know that for Alex and Sheena ministry will not end with retirement, but we thank them for their years of service and pray for a fulfilling retirement in the years ahead.

ROBERT WILLIAM WIDDUP

Nutured in a christian home with regular church involvement, Bob Widdup is a people centred person who in ordained ministry has been a loyal servant of the Methodist Church in N.Z. From early years in Te Kopuru, Northern Wairoa, through around three years service overseas in the N.Z. Army, then after farming for seven years, Bob finally submitted to a persistent call to ordained ministry, in 1953.

Those seven years on the farm were preceded by marriage to Hilda Margaret Leech at Rotorua and then included the birth of their four boys. After a 'trial' of two years in full-time ministry at Apiti northern Manawatu, Bob, Hilda and the boys moved to Auckland where Bob was to be part-time pastor at New Lynn while completing his three years theological training at Trinity College. Although a little removed from College as a student pastor and while being a little older than the rest of 'his year', and with a family established, Bob bound himself in love and affection to the other students in a bond that has continued through 25 years of ministry.

After two years probationary appointment continuing at New Lynn - Avondale, ordination came at Invercargill in 1960. Subsequent appointments were at Beachhaven - Glenfield in the Birkenhead Circuit ('61-'65), Spreydon - Addington ('66-'70), Papanui ('71-'77) and finally Laings Road, Lower Hutt ('78-'84).

While at Beachhaven, ministering to many people with young families, Margaret, their only daughter was born to Hilda and Bob. During the Spreydon - Addington appointment Hilda spent most of one year in hospital. In 1976, 7 months were spent in the United States in an exchange ministry followed by a three months study at a Pastoral Institute in Canada.

Bob's leadership and service beyond Circuit/Parish includes his share of district and connexional committee work, four years as District Secretary and three as Chairman in North Canterbury. He was a Marriage Guidance counsellor for ten years and a Hospital Chaplain for four. In every dimension of life and ministry - as student and administrator, pastor or preacher, Bob has simply assumed that he is available to people - offering his gifts, leadership and service - offering himself. From the base of his family life, with Hilda, the boys and daughter Margaret, Bob has been a good friend and colleague, pastor and minister. May there be rich years yet ahead to be enjoyed and to bring enjoyment, to the glory of God.

STATISTICS

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1984.

DISTRICT: NORTHLAND

Ref..No.	PARISHES	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations (Exclusive of Adult Baptisms)	Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1983	Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1984	Number removed from Elect- oral Roll by Death
1010	MANGONUI	5	1	9	67	59	-
1020	KAIKOHE UNION	1	-	-	23	19	-
1030	SOUTH BAY OF ISLANDS CO-OPERATING	14	-	-	50	50	-
1040	KAEO-KERIKERI UNION	3	-	-	78	77	-
1050	NORTH HOKIANGA CO-OPERATING	-	-	-	15	16	-
1060 **	SOUTH HOKIANGA CO-OPERATING	-	-	-	41	-	-
1070	HIKURANGI UNION	-	12	-	17	15	-
1080	WHANGAREI UNITING CHURCH -						
	ST. JOHNS/RAUMANGA	11	-	8	279	270	3
1090	DARGAVILLE	-	-	-	135	136	3
1100 **	RUAWAI CO-OPERATING	-	-	-	42	-	-
1110	PAPAROA	1	28	-	64	63	1
1120 **	WELLSFORD	-	-	-	82	-	-
	TOTALS	35	41	17	893	705	7
	** NO RETURNS RECEIVED THIS YEAR						

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DISTRICT: AUCKLAND

Ref..No.	PARISHES	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations (Exclusive of Adult Baptisms)	Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1983	Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1984	Number removed from Electoral Roll by Death
2010	AUCKLAND CENTRAL	8	NIL	NIL	384	345	6
2020	AUCKLAND CENTRAL MISSION	2	NIL	NIL	166	115	11
2030	BALMORAL-ROSKILL	10	NIL	6	297	228	6
2040	AUCKLAND EAST	22	3	1	328	320	5
2060	ORAKEI	2	NIL	NIL	262	276	7
2070	GLEN INNES CO-OPERATING	14	NIL	NIL	37	39	2
2080	MT ALBERT	5	NIL	NIL	163	177	2
2090	AVONDALE UNION	NIL	NIL	NIL	10	11	NIL
2100	HENDERSON	26	NIL	NIL	335	338	4
2120	TE ATATU UNION	2	NIL	NIL	52	50	1
2130	DEVONPORT	NIL	NIL	NIL	97	96	1
2140	TAKAPUNA	6	NIL	NIL	391	387	6
2150	BIRKENHEAD	8	NIL	1	177	172	1
2160	GLENFIELD-ALBANY CO-OPERATING	10	NIL	NIL	80	60	NIL
2170	BIRKDALE-BEACHAVEN UNION	NIL	NIL	NIL	35	35	NIL
2180	NORTHCOTE	3	NIL	1	109	110	1
2270	SOUTH KAIPARA CO-OPERATING	2	NIL	3	48	48	NIL
2280	WHANGAPARAQA	3	NIL	15	143	169	NIL
2290	MAHURANGI	NIL	NIL	NIL	93	102	2

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DISTRICT: AUCKLAND

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DISTRICT: WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY

Ref..No.	PARISHES	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations (Exclusive of Adult Baptisms)	Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1983	Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1984	Number removed from Elect- oral Roll by Death
3010	Thames Union	8	1		91	91	2
3020	Hauraki Plains Co-operating	1			40	39	2
3030	Paeroa	1			47	46	1
3040	Waihi	1			55	49	1
3050	Te Aroha Co-operating	6			75	70	3
3060	Morrinsville	3			126	125	
3070	Cambridge Union	4	2	3	129	132	2
3080	Hamilton	21	2		299	297	4
3090	Raglan Union	2			22	21	1
3100	Hamilton East	3	3	9	194	198	6
3110	Chartwell Co-operating	2			72	73	
3120	Ngaruawahia Union	2	1	4	37	43	
3130	Huntly Co-operating				62	62	
3140	Matamata Union	4	2	3	171	148	1
3150	Putaruru Co-operating			1	44	22	
3160	Tokoroa	2			59	54	
3170	Rotorua	6	1	9	171	168	4
3180	Taupo Union	2			51	46	
3190	Western Bay of Plenty	6			350	365	6

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3200	Greerton Union	4	1		54	54	1
3210	Te Puke	2			132	117	
3220	Whakatane Co-operating	1			79	49	1
3230	Kawerau				14	13	
3240	Opotiki Union	1			34	24	
3250	Te Awamutu	2			167	153	
3260	Otorohanga	2			82	78	
3270	Te Kuiti				32	12	
3280	Taumarunui	4	2		57	49	3
3290	Turangi Co-operating				11	11	
3300	Ohura	1			24	17	1
3320	Coromandel				5	5	
3330	Hillcrest Co-operating	1		1	102	93	
3340	Piopio-Aria-Mokau Co-operating				14	12	
	Totals	92	15	30	2902	2736	39

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DISTRICT: HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU

Ref..No.	PARISHES	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations (Exclusive of Adult Baptisms)	Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1983	Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1984	Number removed from Electoral Roll by Death
5010	NAPIER	14	4	8	244	282	11
5020	HASTINGS	12	8	-	297	294	5
5030	FLAXMERE CO-OPERATING PARISH	1	-	-	3	2	-
5040	GISBORNE	6	-	-	113	108	4
5050	MANGAPAPA UNION PARISH	-	5	-	15	15	-
5060	PRESBYTERIAN-METHODIST PARISH OF WAIROA	-	-	-	19	15	1
5070	DANNEVIRKE-NORSEWOOD	1	-	-	78	76	1
5080	WOODVILLE UNION PARISH	-	-	-	46	47	-
5090	PAHIATUA UNION PARISH	-	-	2	55	41	2
5100	PALMERSTON NORTH	13	1	10	444	451	8
5110	ASEHURST-BUNNYTHORPE	5	-	-	96	100	-
5120	FEILDING-OROUA	6	-	-	241	177	5
5130	MARTON	1	1	2	57	59	-
5140	RONGOTEA-SANSON CO-OPERATING PARISH	7	-	6	90	91	1
5150	FOXTON UNION PARISH	-	-	-	47	46	-
5160	TAMATEA COMMUNITY CHURCH	2	-	-	8	8	-
5170	WAIPAWA CO-OPERATING PARISH	-	-	-	17	16	2
5180	MILSON COMMUNITY CHURCH	(included in Palmerston North Returns)					
	SHANNON PRESBYTERIAN-METHODIST COMBINED						
	TOTALS	68	19	28	1870	1828	40

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DISTRICT: WELLINGTON

Ref..No.	PARISHES	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations (Exclusive of Adult Baptisms)	Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1983	Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1984	Number removed from Electoral Roll by Death
6010	WELLINGTON CENTRAL	21			255	250	2
6020	WELLINGTON WEST				101	104	1
6030	WELLINGTON SOUTH LYALL BAY UNION	4			58	85	2
6040	WELLINGTON EAST (NOW COMBINED WITH 6030)				30		
6050	MIRAMAR CO-OPERATING	1			55	53	
6060	NGAIO UNION	2			90	75	2
6070	JOHNSONVILLE UNION	5		1	85	84	
6080	NEWLANDS UNION	2			20	16	
6090	PORIRUA				12	12	
6100	PLIMMERTON-PAEKAKARIKI				77	77	
6110	TAWA UNION	6		2	196	184	
6120	LOWER HUTT-PETONE	28		14	549	507	9
6130	TAITA UNION	1			6	8	
6140	UPPER HUTT CO-OPERATING	3	1	1	164	142	1
6150	WAINUIOMATA UNION				25	24	1
6160	GREYTOWN ST ANDREWS UNION	1			17	16	2
6170	FEATHERSTON UNION	1			12	11	
6180	CARTERTON UNION (St DAVIDS)	1			33	31	1
	SUB-TOTAL	76	1	18	1,785	1,679	21

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DISTRICT: NELSON

Ref..No.	PARISHES	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations (Exclusive of Adult Baptisms)	Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1983	Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1984	Number removed from Elect- oral Roll by Death
7010	NELSON	10	-	2	329	329	7
7020	ST. LUKES'S UNION PARISH	-	-	-	21	19	1
7030	WAMEA	-	4	5	111	121	1
7040	MOTUEKA-MOUTERE HILLS REG. CO-OP.	-	-	-	83	71	3
7060	MURCHISON	-	-	-	15	15	-
7070	BLENHEIM	14	1	8	268	272	6
7080	PICTON UNION PARISH	1	-	-	37	34	1
7090	REEFTON DISTRICT UNION PARISH	1	-	-	22	15	2
7100	BULLER UNION PARISH	-	1	-	28	26	-
7110	GREYMOUTH DISTRICT UNION PARISH	-	-	-	78	77	1
7120	HOKITIKA UNION PARISH	-	-	-	31	25	-
	TOTALS	26	6	15	1023	1004	22

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DISTRICT: NORTH CANTERBURY

Ref..No.	PARISHES	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations (Exclusive of Adult Baptisms)	Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1983	Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1984	Number removed from Electoral Roll by Death
8010	Christchurch Central Mission	2	-	-	219	203	9
8020	Christchurch South	3	-	-	171	166	4
8030	Christchurch East	9	4	1	424	404	6
8040	New Brighton Union Parish	2	-	1	66	61	-
8050	Sumner-Redcliffe Union Parish	2	-	-	61	63	2
8060	South-East Christchurch Union Parish	2	-	-	39	37	1
8070	Lyttelton Harbour Union Parish	-	-	-	23	22	1
8080	Christchurch (Opawa)	-	19	9	178	176	2
8090	Beckenham-Sydenham	13	-	-	138	140	3
8100	Christchurch (Spreydon)	1	3	1	100	97	1
8110	Halswell Union Parish	-	-	-	51	46	-
8120	Christchurch (Riccarton)	5	7	4	332	335	2
8130	Christchurch (St. Albans)	13	1	1	345	343	7
8140	Christchurch (Papanui)	7	-	-	310	317	8
8150	Hornby	2	-	-	56	52	1
8160	Lincoln Union Parish	3	-	1	56	56	1
8170	Leeston Co-operating Parish	2	-	-	74	68	3
8180	Kaiapoi Co-operating Parish	6	-	-	125	124	1
8190	Rangiora	3	-	-	193	195	5

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1984

DISTRICT: NORTH CANTERBURY

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THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
GENERAL STATISTICAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1984.

DISTRICT: OTAGO-SOUTHLAND

Ref..No.	PARISHES	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations (Exclusive of Adult Baptisms)	Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1983	Number on Electoral Roll on 30 June 1984	Number removed from Electoral Roll by Death
9020	DUNEDIN MISSION	3	-	2	494	487	8
9040	WEST HARBOUR UNITED PARISH	-	-	-	17	13	-
9050	WEST DUNEDIN UNION PARISH	-	-	-	65	68	-
9060	CORSTORPHINE-CONCORD UNION PARISH	-	-	-	16	16	-
9070	GRANTS BRAES UNION PARISH	-	-	-	19	18	-
9080	TOKOMAIRIRO CO-OPERATING PARISH	-	-	-	29	27	-
9090	BALCLUTHA	-	-	-	39	39	-
9100	GORE	1	-	-	57	47	2
9110	INVERCARGILL	11	-	1	388	338	10
9120	RIVERTON UNION PARISH	-	-	-	15	14	-
9130	OTAUTAU UNION PARISH	-	-	-	5	5	-
9140	WAIONO UNION PARISH	1	-	-	24	24	-
9150	BLUFF CO-OPERATING PARISH	4	1	-	40	35	-
9160	TEVIOT UNION PARISH	-	-	-	22	21	-
9170	ALEXANDRA-CLYDE-LAUDER UNION PARISH	-	-	-	26	24	-
9180	PORT CHALMERS UNITED PARISH	-	-	-	11	10	-
	TOTALS	20	1	3	1267	1186	20

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
METHODIST PROVIDENT SOCIETY LIMITED
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for year ended 31st MARCH, 1984

<u>1983</u>		<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>		<u>1984</u>
\$		\$	\$		\$
2,250	Administration Fee	3,425	40,959	Interest Received	64,341
975	Audit Fee	800			
3,309	Computer Processing & Programming	4,045	3,783	Commission Received	2,624
13	General and Office Expenses	36			
1,013	Printing, Stationery and Postage	1,135	--	Donation Received	1,000
37,182	Excess Income over Expenditure	58,524			
<u>44,742</u>		<u>67,965</u>	<u>44,742</u>		<u>67,965</u>

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1984

	Grants Paid:		9,519	Balance Carried Forward 1st April 1983	24,036
	Auckland Archives	8,500			
	District Synods	1,250	37,182	Excess Income over Expenditure	58,524
	Grants held for District Synods - still to be uplifted	1,500	995	Interest Donated by Members	1,198
	Development Division (ex 1982)	5,519			
	Lay Training Centre	<u>1,768</u>			
500		18,537			
23,160	Interest Paid to Members	53,172			
24,036	Balance Carried to Balance Sheet	12,049			
<u>47,696</u>		<u>83,758</u>	<u>47,696</u>		<u>83,758</u>

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
METHODIST PROVIDENT SOCIETY LIMITED
BALANCE SHEET as at 31st MARCH 1984

1983		1984	1983		1984
\$		\$	\$		\$
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
	Sundry Creditors	5,945		Bank of New Zealand - Current	
	Grants Held on Behalf			Account	28
	District Synods	<u>1,500</u>		Sundry Debtors	1,791
<u>3,127</u>		7,445		Interest Accrued	<u>18,073</u>
					19,892
	<u>CONTRIBUTORS DEPOSITS</u>			<u>INVESTMENTS (at Cost)</u>	
	Interest Bearing:-			Deposits:	
104,923	Contributors Advances	103,886		Methodist Trust Association	328,434
136,908	Development Deposits	279,203	276,700	Presbyters Deacons and Lay	
49,967	Nominated Trust Advances	85,328		Workers Fund	25,000
	Vehicle Replacement		25,000	Church Building and Loan Fund	<u>291,200</u>
15,905	Accounts	25,783	199,000		644,634
			<u>500,700</u>		
	Interest Donated to Church:			<u>DEFERRED CHARGES</u>	
17,528	Contributors Advances	22,211		Accounting Systems	4,000
154,800	Nominated Trust Advances	<u>132,150</u>	648,561		
<u>480,031</u>			2,200		
	<u>APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT</u>				
	Balance at 31st March 1984				
<u>24,037</u>	available for distribution	12,049			
	<u>SHARE CAPITAL</u>				
449	471 Members at \$1 each	471			
<u>507,644</u>		<u>668,526</u>	<u>507,644</u>		<u>668,526</u>

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
METHODIST PROVIDENT SOCIETY LIMITED
BALANCE SHEET as at 31st MARCH 1984

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost. Reliance is based on the fact that the Society is a going concern.

PARTICULAR ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

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|-----------------------|---|--|
| <u>Investments</u> | - | All Investments and Deferred charges have been valued At Cost. |
| <u>Sundry Debtors</u> | - | Debtors have been valued at expected realisable value. |

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on bases consistent with those of previous years.

Chairman: G.E. Hill

We have examined the books of accounts and records of the Methodist Provident Society Limited for the year ended 31st March 1984. In our opinion, according to the information and explanations given to us, and as shown by the said books of account, the Income and Expenditure Account the Appropriation Account and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Methodist Provident Society Limited as at 31st March 1984, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Secretary: A.K. Woodley

TOUCHE ROSS & CO.
Chartered Accountants

CHRISTCHURCH
8th August 1984

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT as at 30th JUNE, 1984

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METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (INC.)
BALANCE SHEET as at 30th JUNE, 1984

1983 \$		1984 \$	1983 \$		1984 \$
	<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
30,012	Sundry Creditors	12,201		Bank of New Zealand - Current Account	702
			3,995	Deposits at Call	1,047
	<u>DEPOSITS HELD ON BEHALF OF</u>		13,500	Sundry Debtors	910
212,769	PARISHES	122,360	-	Interest Accrued	12,312
			17,294		
	<u>TRUSTS ADMINISTERED BY THE</u>		34,789		14,971
	<u>GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD</u>				
	Depositors holding specific			<u>INVESTMENTS (at Cost)</u>	
1,614,942	Investments	1,545,236		Deposits - Methodist Trust Association	493,710
399,341	Walters Family Trusts	396,173	510,308	Local Body Stock	-
244,365	Winstone Memorial Trust Fund	244,423	8,156	Debentures in Public Companies	-
2,258,648		2,185,832	2,500	Debentures in Dunedin Central Mission	5,000
	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS AND RESERVES</u>		5,000	Shares in Public Companies (Note 1)	6,830
30,957	Accumulated Funds at 1st July 1983	32,021	3,130	House Properties (Note 2)	
	ADD Excess Income over Expenditure	-	45,789		505,540
1,063			574,883		
32,020				<u>SPECIFIC INVESTMENTS HELD (at Cost)</u>	
	General Reserves	8,000		<u>ON BEHALF OF:</u>	
	LESS Loss on Disposal of Mortgagee Sale Properties	416	1,731,949	Perpetual Trusts	1,813,605
8,000		7,584	199,828	Sundry Loans to Parishes	25,882
40,020			1,931,777		1,839,487
		39,605			
2,541,449		2,359,998	2,541,449		2,359,998

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (INC.)

BALANCE SHEET as at 30th JUNE, 1984 - continued

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost. Reliance is based on the fact that the Fund is a going concern. Accrual accounting is used to match expenses and revenue.

PARTICULAR ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Sundry Debtors - Debtors have been valued at expected realisable value.

Investments - Investments have been valued at stated cost.

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on bases consistent with those of previous years.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

These notes form part of, and are to be read in conjunction with, the accompanying accounts.

- (1) (a) The Market Value of Company Shares at Balance Date amounted to \$19,863.
(b) A Contingent Liability of \$1,838 on Shares being purchased.
- (2) The property at Berry Street, Christchurch was acquired through a Mortgagee Sale. This property was subdivided into residential sections and have been sold. A loss of \$416 was sustained.

Chairman: G.E. Hill

We have examined the books of accounts and records of the Methodist Church General Purposes Trust Board (Inc.) for the year ended 30th June 1984. In our opinion, according to the information and explanations given to us, and as shown by the said books of account, the Income and Expenditure Account, and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of state of affairs of the Fund as at 30th June 1984, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Secretary: A.K. Woodley

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND
LOAN ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1984

1983		1984		1983		1984
\$		\$		\$		\$
657,736	Loans at Beginning of Year	641,911			Repayment of Principal, Working Expenses	
27,262	Working Expenses and Interest charged for Year	45,565		180,752	and Interest	287,450
137,665	New Loans Advanced	341,050		641,911	Loans at End of Year	741,076
<u>822,663</u>		<u>1,028,526</u>		<u>822,663</u>		<u>1,028,526</u>

SITE FUND ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1984

1,000	Grants Paid: - Mangere Centre	-	11,896	Balance at Beginning of Year	11,894
	"Wharepunui"		998	Interest Received	799
11,894	Balance at End of Year	12,693			
<u>12,894</u>		<u>12,693</u>		<u>12,894</u>	<u>12,693</u>

DEVELOPMENT FUND ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1984

	Grants Paid:-		22,648	Balance at Beginning of Year	23,026
	Kaeo Kerikeri Union Parish		5,178	Contribution from Budget	575
	- Mason House	800		Share of Proceeds of Sale "Sunnynook	
	Tamatea Community Church	4,000		Section" - Takapuna	14,054
	St Pauls Church - Tokoroa	3,000			
		<u>7,800</u>			
	LESS Net Refund - Ranui				
	Combined Church	2,017			
4,800			5,783		
23,026	Balance at End of Year		31,872		
<u>27,826</u>			<u>37,655</u>	<u>27,826</u>	<u>37,655</u>

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND
SPECIAL TRAINING SECTOR FUND ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY 1984

1983		1984	1983	1984
\$		\$	\$	\$
	Grants Paid:		12,754	Balance at Beginning of Year
	Rev. D.H. Burt	389		
	Rev. R. Alexander	617	1,729	Contribution from Budget
	Rev. B. Sides	335		188
3,358		1,341		
11,125	Balance at End of Year	9,972		
14,483		11,313	14,483	11,313

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY 1984

448	21,150	Administration Fee	20,625	Working Expenses and Interest Received	
	750	Audit Fee	800	Loans	45,609
	3,917	Computer Processing and Programming	5,800	Interest Received - General Deposits	123,725
	48,853	Interest Paid - Property Deposits	76,292	Dividends Received	760
	1,759	Office and General Expenses	1,928	Sundry Income	560
	52	Printing and Stationery	435		
	589	Travelling Expenses	579		
	67,187	Excess Income over Expenditure	64,195		
	144,257		170,654	144,257	170,654

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND
BALANCE SHEET as at 31st MAY, 1984

1983		1984	1983	1984
\$		\$	\$	\$
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
15,910	Sundry Creditors	17,643	10,733	Bank of New Zealand - Current Account 38,614
			1,013,686	Term Deposits 1,266,390
			8,046	Sundry Debtors --
11,894	DEPOSITS HELD WITH FUND		21,708	Interest Accrued 23,177
	Site Fund 12,693			Methodist Trust Association
23,026	Development Fund (for Church Extension) 31,872		7,208	(Site Fund) 8,032
11,125	Special Sector Training Fund 9,972		<u>1,061,381</u>	<u>1,336,213</u>
197,600	Deposits:- Held from Nomin-ated Trust Advances 281,500			<u>LOANS</u>
	Deposits:- Held from Church Property Realisation 922,127		406,818	Ordinary and Inflation Adjusted Loans 368,583
789,833			197,086	Nominated Trust Advanced Loans 282,586
<u>1,033,478</u>		1,258,164	<u>38,007</u>	Supplementary Building Fund Loans 89,907
			<u>641,911</u>	<u>741,076</u>
<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>		<u>INVESTMENTS (at Cost)</u>		
508,039	Capital at 1st June 1983 517,512			Shares Bequeathed to Fund:
	ADD Legacies and Donations			(a) Preference Shares (Unlisted Company) --
	I.E. Burgess Estate 9,194		2,000	(b) Ordinary Shares (Listed Companies) Note 1 3,719
	B.H. Clifft Estate 50			Share - Methodist Provident Society 1
	M.B. Gilmore Estate 634		3,591	
	A.H. Hayman Estate 736		<u>1</u>	
	F.W.Walters Trust 8,593		<u>5,592</u>	
	M.E.White Estate 51,975			
	M.M.Woodward Est. 10,000			
9,429		81,182		
44	ADD Inflation adjusted Contributions 330		<u>4,000</u>	<u>DEFERRED CHARGES</u>
<u>517,512</u>		599,024		Accounting Development 4,000

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND
BALANCE SHEET as at 31st MAY, 1984

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<u>1983</u> <u>\$</u>		<u>1984</u> <u>\$</u>	<u>1983</u> <u>\$</u>	<u>1984</u> <u>\$</u>
	<u>ADMINISTRATION FUND</u>			
78,797	Balance at 1st June 1983	145,983		
67,187	ADD Excess Income over	64,195		
<u>145,984</u>	Expenditure	<u>210,178</u>		
<u>1,712,884</u>		<u>2,085,009</u>	<u>1,712,884</u>	<u>2,085,009</u>

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost. Reliance is based on the fact that the Fund is a going concern. Accrual accounting is used to match expenses and revenue.

PARTICULAR ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Loans - Loans have been valued at expected realisable value.

Investments - Share Investments are stated at Cost.

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on bases consistent with those of previous years.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND
BALANCE SHEET as at 31st MAY 1984

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

These notes form part of, and are to be read in conjunction with, the accompanying accounts.

- NOTE 1 (a) Market Valuation of Company Shares at Balance Date amounted to \$13,786.
 (b) A Contingent Liability of \$128 is outstanding at Balance Date for Uncalled Capital on Shares purchased.

Chairman: G.E. Hill

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Building and Loan Fund for the year ended 31st May, 1984. In our opinion, according to the information and explanations given to us, and as shown by the said books of account, the Loans Account, Sites Fund Account, Development Fund Account, Special Projects Account, Administration Account and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund as at 31st May, 1984, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Secretary: A.K. Woodley

TOUCHE ROSS & CO.
Chartered Accountants

CHRISTCHURCH
17th August 1984.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
PRESBYTERS, DEACONS AND LAY WORKERS LOAN FUND
LOAN ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1984

<u>1983</u>		<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>		<u>1984</u>
<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>
211,940	Loan At Beginning of Year	170,693	168,594	Loan Repayments	157,998
105,750	New Loans Advanced	104,181	170,693	Balance At End of Year	135,874
21,597	Interest Charged For Year	18,998	---		---
<u>339,287</u>		<u>293,872</u>	<u>339,287</u>		<u>293,872</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1984

2,000	Administration Fee	1,500	22,282	Interest Received	19,355
1,708	Computer Processing and Programming	3,716	---		
19,517	Interest Paid	15,514	---		
820	General Office Expenses	597	---		
			1,763	Excess Expenditure over Income	1,972
<u>24,045</u>		<u>21,327</u>	<u>24,045</u>		<u>21,327</u>

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
PRESBYTERS, DEACONS AND LAY WORKERS LOAN FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE 1984

1983		1984	1983	1984
\$		\$	\$	\$
	<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
1,063	Sundry Creditors 810		Bank of New Zealand	
1,935	Interest Accrued 2,879	3,689	- Current Account 779	
			Deposits at Call 10,000	
			Interest Accrued	10,779
2,998				
	<u>LOANS</u>		<u>LOANS - CURRENTLY HELD</u>	135,874
75,000	Board of Administration			
	- Special Account 75,000	170,693		
25,000	Methodist Provident			
	Society Limited 25,000			
64,500	Special Loans - Methodist			
	Trust Association (Inc) 34,900			
			<u>INVESTMENTS (At Cost)</u>	
164,500		134,900	Methodist Provident Society	
			Limited	1
	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>		<u>DEFERRED CHARGES</u>	
17,649	Balance at 1st July 1983 16,037	6,000	Accounting Development	6,000
150	ADD Donation ---			
17,799				
	<u>LESS Excess Expenditure over</u>			
	Income 1,972			
1,763				
16,036		14,065		
183,534		152,654	183,534	152,654

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
PRESBYTERS, DEACONS AND LAY WORKERS LOAN FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1984

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost. Reliance is based on the fact that the Fund is a going concern. Accrual accounting is used to match expenses and revenue.

PARTICULAR ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Loans - Loans Currently held have been valued at expected realisable value.

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on bases consistent with those of previous years.

Chairman: G.E. Hill

We have examined the books of accounts and records of the Methodist Church Presbyters, Deacons and Lay Workers Loan Fund for the year ended 30th June 1984. In our opinion, according to the information and explanations given to us, and as shown by the said books of account the Loans Account, Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund as at 30th June 1984, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Secretary: A.K. Woodley

TOUCHE ROSS & CO.
Chartered Accountants

CHRISTCHURCH
17th August 1984.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION INSURANCE ACCOUNT
BALANCE SHEET as at 31st MAY, 1984

<u>1983</u>			<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>		<u>1984</u>
<u>\$</u>			<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>
	<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
380,029	Sundry Creditors		375,722	Bank of New Zealand - Current Account	14,066	
	<u>PROVISIONS</u>			Sundry Debtors	251,234	
	Insurance Claim - Church			Interest Accrued	325	
2,600	Property		2,600	Deposits - Money Market Dealers	<u>138,078</u>	403,703
				<u>404,861</u>		
	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>			<u>DEFERRED CHARGES</u>		
5,264	Balance at 1st June 1983	25,482		Accounting Development		3,250
20,218	ADD Appropriation Account	<u>3,149</u>				
<u>25,482</u>			28,631			
<u>408,111</u>			<u>406,953</u>	<u>408,111</u>		<u>406,953</u>

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION INSURANCE ACCOUNT
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1984

<u>1983</u>		<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>		<u>1984</u>
\$		\$	\$		\$
8,500	Administration Fee	14,500	9,225	Interest Received	14,428
1,150	Audit Fee	1,250			
5,464	Computer Programming and Processing	9,735	316,110	Premiums Received	338,638
659	General and Office Expenses	923			
24,885	Insurance Claims - Church Property	34,733			
239,459	Re-Insurance - Church Property	248,776			
45,218	Excess Income over Expenditure	43,149			
<u>325,335</u>		<u>353,066</u>	<u>325,335</u>		<u>353,066</u>

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PROFIT AND LOSS APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1984

	Transfer to Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	40,000	45,218	Excess Income over Expenditure	43,149
25,000					
20,218	Carried to Balance Sheet	3,149			
<u>45,218</u>		<u>43,149</u>	<u>45,218</u>		<u>43,149</u>

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION INSURANCE ACCOUNT

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st MAY, 1984

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost. Reliance is based on the fact that the Fund is a going concern. Accrual accounting is used to match expenses and revenue.

PARTICULAR ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Sundry Debtors and Deposits - have been valued at expected realisable value.

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on bases consistent with those of previous years.

Chairman: G.E. Hill

We have examined the books of accounts and records of the Methodist Church Board of Administration Insurance Account for the year ended 31st May 1984. In our opinion, according to the information and explanations given to us, and as shown by the said books of account, the Income and Expenditure Account, Profit and Loss Appropriation Account and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund as at 31st May 1984, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Secretary: A.K. Woodley

TOUCHE ROSS & CO.
Chartered Accountants

CHRISTCHURCH
23rd August 1984.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION (INC.)

INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for year ended 31st March 1984

<u>1983</u>		<u>1984</u>		<u>1983</u>		<u>1984</u>
<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>
129,471	Administration Fee (Note 1)	143,056		7,956	Dividend Received	15,310
2,175	Audit Fee		2,000			
976	Cleaning - Caretaking	8,634	1,440,657		Interest Received on Investments	1,196,679
-	Electricity	2,220				
183,852	Interest Paid	256,048	277,655		Rental Received	723,823
6,571	Insurance	29,616				
-	Land Tax	3,964				
2,570	Legal Fees	844				
-	Lift Maintenance	1,040				
21,229	Maintenance Buildings	53,034				
-	Miscellaneous Property Expenses	1,441				
250	Property Valuation Fees	1,788				
12,271	Rates	27,861				
-	Security Services	1,310				
1,147	Stationery, Postage and General Expenses	2,129				
980	Telephone & Tolls	1,705				
4,250	Travelling Expenses	6,769				
1,360,526	Excess Income over Expenditure	1,392,353				
1,726,268		1,935,812	1,726,268			1,935,812

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT for year ended 31st March 1984

	Distributions Paid - (Note 2)	1,360,526	Income available for Distribution	1,392,353
613,971	Short Term Deposits	516,070		
746,555	Long Term Deposits	876,283		
1,360,526		1,392,353	1,360,526	1,392,353

These accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION (INC.)

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st March 1984

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NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION (INC.)

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st March 1984

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FIXED ASSETS (at Cost or Valuation) (Note 5) - cont'd

	230,000	Te Rapa Property - Hamilton	230,000
	164,153	Kohia Terrace Property - Auckland	183,097
		Great North & Newton Road	
	1,400	Property - Auckland	2,334,863
	-	Liverpool Street Property - Christchurch	486,623
	-	Point Chevalier Property - Auckland	150,828
		Properties Under Development:-	
	-	Cambridge Terrace - Christchurch	762,461
	-	Great North Road Stage II - Auckland	578,893
	<u>3,645,602</u>		<u>8,583,483</u>
<u>13,550,881</u>	<u>18,661,546</u>	<u>13,550,881</u>	<u>18,661,546</u>

These accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION (INC.)

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st March 1984

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost. Reliance is based on the fact that the Association is a going concern. Accrual accounting is used to match expenses and revenue.

PARTICULAR ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- | | |
|---------------------|---|
| <u>Depreciation</u> | - No Depreciation has been provided for on Buildings |
| <u>Investments</u> | - Investments are stated At Cost. |
| <u>Fixed Assets</u> | - Fixed Assets are valued At Cost or Valuation. |
| <u>Maintenance</u> | - A provision for Maintenance has been calculated at the rate of 1% on the cost of Buildings. |

461 CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on bases consistent with those of previous years.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

These notes form part of, and are to be read in conjunction with, the accompanying accounts.

- Note 1. The administration fee charged is related to investment activities and internal accounting work involved.
- Note 2. Distributions have been calculated on the basis of income derived from investments made by the Short Term Fund and Long Term Fund less expenses, allocated equally over the participants in these funds by using both days and amount of investment in respective funds.
- Note 3. Market Valuation of Company Shares at Balance Date amounted to \$376,160.
- Note 4. Mortgage of \$220,500 is offset by a loan from Wesley College Trust Board.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION (INC.)

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st MARCH 1984

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

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Note 5. LAND AND BUILDINGS:

		<u>COST</u>	<u>CAPITAL VALUE</u>	<u>VALUE OF IMPROVEMENTS</u>	<u>UNIMPROVED VALUE</u>
Matthews Buildings - Auckland	Valuation 1984	201,087	342,000	290,700	51,300
Hallmark Building - Hamilton	Valuation 1982	396,616	522,700	443,300	79,400
Te Papapa Building - Auckland	Valuation 1984	105,635	170,000	131,375	38,625
Hobson Street Building - Auckland	Cost	717,213	717,213	477,213	240,000
Birkenhead Property - Auckland	Cost	364,621	364,621	294,312	70,309
Te Rapa Property - Hamilton	Cost	230,000	280,000	80,000	200,000
Kohia Terrace Property - Auckland	Cost	183,097	70,000	43,000	27,000
Riddiford Street Property - Wellington	Cost	1,161,516	No Valuation available.		
Hinemoa Street Property - Rotorua	Cost	578,668	550,000	314,000	236,000
Great North & Newton Road - Auckland	Cost	2,334,863	No Valuation available.		
Liverpool Street Property - Christchurch	Cost	486,623	511,000	420,000	91,000
Point Chevalier Property - Auckland	Cost	150,828	No Valuation available.		
Cambridge Terrace Property - Christchurch	Cost	530,000	530,000	-	530,000

CAPITAL COMMITMENT

- (i) A Contract was let during the year for the construction of a Commercial Building at Cambridge Terrace, Christchurch for the sum of \$2,500,000 less Construction Cost Paid \$ 232,461
- \$2,267,539
- (ii) The cost for the completion of Great North Road Stage II Property is estimated at \$37,000 and the completion costs of Riddiford Street Property is estimated at \$25,000.
- (iii) An agreement has been entered into for the purchase of land at Ryan Place, Manukau City for the sum of \$540,000. This site will be available for future development.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION (INC.)

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st MARCH 1984

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Chairman: R.J. Fraser

Secretary: A.K. Woodley

We have examined the books of accounts and records of the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association (Inc.) for the year ended 31st March, 1984. In our opinion, according to the information and explanations given to us, and as shown by the said books of account, the Income and Expenditure Account, Appropriation Account and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association (Inc.) as at 31st March, 1984, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1984

1983		1984	1983		1984
\$		\$	\$		\$
2,500	Administration Fee	2,500		Interest Received:	
200	Audit Fee	200			
49	Commission	--	41,796	Bank and Deposits	47,109
987	Computer Processing and Programming	2,174	98	Loans to Churches and Trusts	57
43	Stationery and General Expenses	15	90	Local Body Stock	30
			514	Mortgages	--
38,719	Excess Income	42,307			
42,498		47,196	42,498		47,196

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MAY, 1984

CURRENT LIABILITIES				CURRENT ASSETS			
	Bank of New Zealand - Current		6,829		Interest Accrued	7,285	
75	Account	702	--		Sundry Debtors	40,000	
2,072	Sundry Creditors	689	6,829				47,285
2,147			1,391				
ACCUMULATED FUNDS				INVESTMENTS (at Cost)			
299,912	Balance at 31st May 1983	338,631	2,032		Loans to Churches and Trusts	1,366	
38,719	ADD Excess Income for Year	42,307	1,789		Local Body Stock	--	
	ADD Transfer from Board of		330,128		Methodist Trust Association	398,678	
	Administration - Insurance		333,949				400,044
	Account for						
	1983 Year 25,000						
	1984 Year 40,000						
		65,000					
338,631			445,938				
340,778			447,329	340,778			447,329

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st MAY, 1984

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost. Reliance is based on the fact that the Fund is a going concern. Accrual accounting is used to match expenses and revenue.

PARTICULAR ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Investments - Investments have been stated at Cost.

Sundry Debtors - Debtors have been valued at expected realisable value.

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on bases consistent with those of previous years.

Chairman: G.E. Hill

I have examined the books of accounts and records of the Methodist Church Connexional Fire Insurance Fund for the year ended 31st May, 1984. In my opinion, according to the information and explanations given to me, and as shown by the said books of account, the Income and Expenditure Account, and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund as at 31st May 1984, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Secretary: A.K. Woodley



Chartered Accountant

CHRISTCHURCH

12 September 1984

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
CONNEXIONAL BUDGET ACCOUNT

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1984

<u>1983</u> <u>\$</u>		<u>1984</u> <u>\$</u>	<u>1983</u> <u>\$</u>		<u>1984</u> <u>\$</u>
	<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
480	Sundry Creditors	570		Bank of New Zealand - Current	
	Final Payment due to Districts,		21,537	Account	27,363
	Divisions, Connexional Funds		31,614	Contributions Received after	
96,269	and Grants	135,996	39,000	Balance Date	26,639
96,749		136,566	34	Deposits at Call	78,000
			92,185	Interest Accrued	--
	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>				132,002
186	Balance at 1st July 1983	186	4,750	<u>DEFERRED CHARGES</u>	
				Accounting Development	4,750
96,935		136,752	96,935		136,752

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

CONNEXIONAL BUDGET ACCOUNT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1984

1983		1984	1983		1984
\$		\$	\$		\$
	Payments to Divisions, Connexional			<u>CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED</u>	
767,557	Funds and Grants	795,618		Methodist Parishes and Union and	
	Expenses Collected through the		803,559	Co-operating Parishes	831,159
	Connexional Budget and Refunded to			Grants from the Special Account	
55,950	Districts	57,109	29,500	of the Board of Administration	25,732
				Contributions Received from	
			678	Previous Years	8,334
<u>823,507</u>		<u>852,727</u>	<u>833,737</u>		<u>865,225</u>
8,176	Administration Fee	8,977	3,118	Interest Received	4,769
3,002	Computer Processing and Programming	4,992			
--	Promotional Material	3,309	--	Budget Promotion Income	2,388
	Stationery, Postage, Tolls and				
2,170	General Expenses	2,378	--	Donation Received	1
<u>836,855</u>		<u>872,383</u>	<u>836,855</u>		<u>872,383</u>

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
CONNEXIONAL BUDGET ACCOUNT
BALANCE SHEET as at 30th JUNE, 1984

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost. Reliance is based on the fact that the Fund is a going concern. Accrual accounting is used to match expenses and revenue.

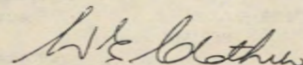
CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on bases consistent with those of previous years.

Chairman: G.E. Hill

I have examined the books of accounts and records of the Methodist Church Connexional Budget Account for the year ended 30th June 1984. In my opinion, according to the information and explanations given to me, and as shown by the said books of account, the Income and Expenditure Account, and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund as at 30th June 1984, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Secretary: A.K. Woodley



Chartered Accountant

CHRISTCHURCH
12 September 1984

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

CONNEXIONAL EXPENSES FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1984

1983		1984	1983	1984
\$		\$	\$	\$
8,249	CONFERENCE TRAVEL	74,219	Connexional Budget	74,546
	Official Representatives	4,795	2,690	Conference Arrangements and Collections
	CONFERENCE PRINTING AND GENERAL EXPENSES	1,122	Sale of Printed Matter	3,944
	Conference/Synod Reports, Statistical Returns and Sundry	3,774	Interest Received	5,016
11,958	Printing			1,887
1,533	Secretarial Platform and Other Expenses	12,647		
13,491		1,972		
	CONNEXIONAL PAYMENTS	14,619		
6,355	President's Travel and Expenses		12,973	Excess Expenditure over Income
1,713	Vice President's Travel Expenses			909
8,068		10,984		
	CONNEXIONAL PRINTING			
	Including Confirmation Certificates and Membership Cards	1,494		
2,135				
	CONNEXIONAL COMMITTEES AND EXPENSES			
10,777	Church Council	8,865		
10,336	Superintendent's District Expenses	9,866		
1,680	Ministerial Synod Travelling	1,645		
34,364	Standing Committees of Conference	27,514		
57,157		47,890		
	ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES			
1,900	Administration Fee	2,125		
	Audit Fee, General Office Expenses and Computer Processing	4,395		
3,778		6,520		
5,678				
94,778		86,302	94,778	86,302

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
CONNEXIONAL EXPENSES FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE 1984

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1983		1984	1983	1984
\$		\$	\$	\$
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
3,103	Sundry Creditors	5,284		Bank of New Zealand - Current Account
			812	1,422
			17,991	Deposit - Methodist Trust Association (Inc)
			693	7,905
			19,486	Sundry Debtors
				13,177
				22,504
<u>PROVISIONS</u>				
2,437	President's Ministerial Supply	3,779		
8,807	Supply Ministries	9,211		
2,200	Contingencies (note 2)	2,200		
13,444		15,190		
<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>				
15,912	Balance as at 1st July 1983	2,939		
	LESS Excess Expenditure over			
(12,973)	Income	909		
2,939		2,030		
19,468		22,504	19,486	22,504

THESE ACCOUNTS ARE TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
CONNEXIONAL EXPENSES FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE 1984 - CONTINUED

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost. Reliance is based on the fact that the Fund is a going concern. Accrual accounting is used to match expenses and revenue.

PARTICULAR ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Sundry Debtors - Debtors have been valued at expected realisable value.

Investments - Investments have been valued at cost.

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on bases consistent with those of previous years.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

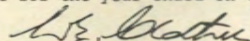
These notes form part of, and are to be read in conjunction with, the accompanying accounts.

- (1) The state of the Fund, either, deficit or credit, reflects the capacity of the Connexion to accurately budget for the year's activities.
- (2) Contingencies accumulate in accordance to previous resolution.

Chairman: G.E. Hill

I have examined the books of accounts and records of the Methodist Church Connexional Expenses Fund for the year ended 30th June 1984. In my opinion, according to the information and explanations given to me, and as shown by the said books of account, the Income and Expenditure Account, the Appropriation Account and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund as at 30th June 1984, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Secretary: A.K. Woodley


Chartered Accountant

CHRISTCHURCH

12th September 1984

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1984

<u>1983</u>		<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>		<u>1984</u>
<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>
1,300	Administration Fee	1,450	39,245	Contributions Received	42,791
	Audit Fee, Stationery and General				
322	Office Expenses	637	--	Interest Received	538
--	Computer Programming and Processing	2,166			
	Removal Costs:-				
41,039	Methodist Stationing	30,394			
371	Candidates to College	-			
(3,787)	Excess Income over Expenditure	8,682			
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39,245		43,329	39,245		43,329
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1984

<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>	<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>
<u>130</u> Sundry Creditors	13,016
<u>PROVISIONS</u>	
<u>5,055</u> Insurance Contingencies	--
<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>	<u>5,398</u>
4,000 Balance at 1st July 1983	214
ADD Excess Income over	
(3,787) Expenditure	8,682
<u>213</u>	<u>8,896</u>
<u>5,398</u>	<u>21,912</u>

Bank of New Zealand - Current	
Account	247
Sundry Debtors	665
Deposit at Call	21,000
	<u>21,912</u>

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND

BALANCE SHEET as at 30th JUNE 1984

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ANALYSIS OF REMOVAL FUND

	<u>No.</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Average Cost</u>	<u>1982/83</u> <u>Average Cost</u>
North Island	21	16,109	767	694
South Island	6	4,042	673	544
Inter Island	7	15,048	2,150	2,759
		35,199		

These figures are inclusive of moves for Co-operative Ventures

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost. Reliance is based on the fact that the Fund is a going concern. Accrual accounting is used to match expenses and revenue.

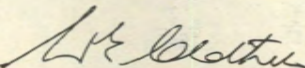
CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

473 There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on bases consistent with those of previous years.

Chairman: G.E.Hill

I have examined the books of accounts and records of the Methodist Church Removal Fund for the year ended 30th June 1984. In my opinion, according to the information and explanations given to me, and as shown by the said books of account, the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund as at 30th June 1984, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Secretary: A.K.Woodley



Chartered Accountant

CHRISTCHURCH

12 September 1984

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST

PROPERTY INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1984

<u>1983</u>		<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984</u>
<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
4,156	Cleaning and Caretaking	4,362	145,497	Gross Rentals
26,768	Depreciation	70,968		
3,748	General Property Expenses	3,282	17,957	Recovered Property Expenses
7,971	Insurance	11,451		
7,025	Land Tax	7,025		
5,238	Rates	10,393		
11,620	Rent Collection and Re-Leasing Commission	15,715		
31,311	Repairs and Maintenance	34,493		
1,375	Security Service	1,375		
335	Valuation Fees	350		
63,907	Net Property Surplus	57,626		
<u>163,454</u>		<u>217,040</u>	<u>163,454</u>	<u>217,040</u>

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST

INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1984

<u>1983</u>		<u>1984</u>		<u>1983</u>		<u>1984</u>
\$		\$		\$		\$
6,752	Administration Fee	6,375		63,907	Net Income from Property	57,626
250	Audit Fee	500				
3,282	Computer Processing	4,296			Interest Received:-	
-	Grants	45,779		9,841	Mortgages	-
	Interest Paid:-			66,276	Deposits	51,616
2,997	Deposits	-				
640	Debentures	-				
10	Bank	-				
1,282	Office and General Expenses	1,191				
1,408	Travelling Expenses	1,037				
123,403	Excess Income over Expenditure	50,064				
<u>140,024</u>		<u>109,242</u>		<u>140,024</u>		<u>109,242</u>

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST
BALANCE SHEET as at 31st MARCH, 1984

1983			1984	1983		1984
\$			\$	\$		\$
CURRENT LIABILITIES			CURRENT ASSETS			
	Bank of New Zealand -				Bank of New Zealand - Current	
9,057	Current Account	-		-	Account	987
27,842	Sundry Creditors	18,512		9,051	Sundry Debtors	8,287
3,759	Rent Paid in Advance	-		2,767	Interest Accrued	2,984
<u>40,658</u>			18,512	<u>2,500</u>	Deposits at Call	<u>28,000</u>
				<u>14,318</u>		40,258
RESERVES and PROVISIONS					INVESTMENTS (at Cost)	
1,490,025	Property Revaluation Reserve	1,490,025			Deposits - Trading Bank (Short	
45,000	Provision for Grants	<u>45,000</u>			Term)	-
<u>1,535,025</u>			1,535,025	170,000	Deposits - Money Market	126,299
				-	Deposits - Methodist Trust	
ACCUMULATED FUND					Association	<u>301,706</u>
706,112	Balance at 1st April 1983	798,435		336,688		428,005
--	ADD Income from Previous Years	<u>13,920</u>		<u>506,688</u>		
		798,435				
78,403	ADD Excess Income for Year	<u>50,064</u>				
<u>784,515</u>			848,499	1,405,000	FIXED ASSETS (Note 2)	
				45,206	Land	1,405,000
				364,794	Car Park	93,106
					Buildings	340,379
					Property Development Costs	
					- Hames House Tenancies	
					Upgrading	<u>60,618</u>
				<u>1,815,000</u>		1,899,103
					DEFERRED CHARGES	
					Maintenance - Hames House	
					Property	-
					Maintenance - Queen Street	
					Property	<u>34,670</u>
				<u>13,090</u>		34,670
				<u>24,192</u>		
<u>2,360,198</u>			<u>2,402,036</u>	<u>2,360,198</u>		<u>2,402,036</u>

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST
BALANCE SHEET as at 31st MARCH 1984

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS:

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The general accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of results of the financial position under the historical cost method have been observed in the preparation of these accounts.

The specific accounting policies adopted in the accounts which effect the results and financial position disclosed are:

- (i) Sundry Debtors have been valued at expected realisable value.
- (ii) Investments have been valued at cost.
- (iii) Depreciation has been provided on the straight line basis over the estimated economic life of each asset.

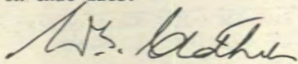
2. FIXED ASSETS

	Cost or Valuation	Depreciation to Date	Book Value
(i) Land	1,405,000	-	1,405,000
Car Park	156,129	63,024	93,105
Buildings	527,161	186,783	340,380
	<u>2,088,290</u>	<u>249,807</u>	<u>1,838,485</u>
(ii) Government Valuation 1979 of Land and Buildings:			
Land Value	\$ 1,405,000		
Value of Improvements	540,000		
	<u>1,945,000</u>		
(iii) Capital Commitment - Hames House Tenancies Upgrading		\$40,000.	

I have examined the books of account and records of the Prince Albert College Trust for the year ended 31 March 1984. In my opinion, according to the information and explanations given to me and as shown by the books of account, the Property Income and Expenditure Account, Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund as at 31 March 1984, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Chairman: R.J. Fraser

Secretary: A.K. Woodley


Chartered Accountant

CHRISTCHURCH
12 September 1984.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1984

1983		1984	1983		1984
\$		\$	\$		\$
1,429	Accounting Development Expenses	1,216		ADMINISTRATION FEE:-	
400	Audit Fee	325		Board of Administration -	
1,496	Cleaning	1,444	1,000	Special Account	1,000
6,663	Cost of Supply - General Secretary	-		Board of Administration -	
1,083	General Expenses	1,515	9,500	Insurance	14,500
1,230	Interest	-	20,702	Church Building & Loan Fund	20,625
33,395	Investment Board Development Expenses	38,103	8,176	Connexional Budget	8,977
1,214	Light and Heat	1,313	1,900	Connexional Expenses Fund	2,125
13,748	Office Rent	14,317	2,500	Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	2,500
24,455	Printing Costs	20,451	12,200	General Purposes Trust Fund	13,084
3,151	Repairs and Maintenance Equipment	3,702		Home Mission and Church	
183,681	Salaries and Wages	187,187	500	Extension Funds Board	500
1,564	Staff Training	1,580	2,500	Methodist Provident Society Ltd	2,925
2,500	Staff Overseas Travel	2,500	25,172	Methodist Trust Association (Inc)	24,400
6,067	Stationery	4,670	4,000	Methodist Theological College	2,000
6,260	Telephones, Tolls and Postages	7,681		Presbyters, Deacons and Lay	
7,228	Travelling Expenses	13,036	2,000	Workers Fund	1,500
	Depreciation - Equipment, Furnishings		6,000	Prince Albert College Trust	6,500
7,114	and Renovations	8,169	5,000	Probert Trust	-
	House Property Account:-		1,300	Removal Fund	1,450
	Depreciation - Dwelling and		32,450	Supernumerary and Allied Funds	29,634
1,022	Furnishings	1,022	134,900		
	Mortgage Interest, Insurance,			Commission, Interest and Sundry	
7,447	Repairs and Maintenance	5,135	961	Receipts	1,058
		6,157		Commission Received - Investment	
2,086	Excess Income over Expenditure	1,475	106,480	Board - Methodist Trust Assn	110,148
			44,423	Connexional Budget	47,375
			183	Grants Received - Historical Records	2,382
			24,935	Printing Receipts	20,798
			1,351	Parsonage Rental	1,360
313,233		314,841	313,233		314,841

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION
APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1984

<u>1983</u>		<u>1984</u>		<u>1983</u>		<u>1984</u>
<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>
66,423	Balance Transferred to Balance Sheet at 30th June, 1984	92,036		<u>2,086</u>	Excess Income over Expenditure	1,475
					Special Account - Income Available to Connexional Budget 1984/85	26,528
				25,732		
				<u>38,605</u>	Available for Allocation	<u>64,033</u>
				<u>64,337</u>		90,561
<u>66,423</u>		<u>92,036</u>		<u>66,423</u>		<u>92,036</u>

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1984

1983		1984	1983		1984
\$		\$	\$		\$
	<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			<u>CURRENT ASSET</u>	
	Bank of New Zealand - Special		50	Cash on Hand :	300
892,371	Account (Note 1)	822,640		Bank of New Zealand - Current	
59,903	Sundry Creditors	45,676	3,711	Account	240
952,274			39,683	Sundry Debtors	23,342
			4,210	Paper Stock	5,656
	<u>MORTGAGE</u>		4,000	Deposit at Call	-
16,200	Canterbury Savings Bank	15,400	51,654		29,538
	<u>PROVISIONS</u>			<u>INVESTMENTS</u> (at Cost)	
6,044	Staff Training	5,863		Special Loans (Note 1)	926,031
3,500	Staff Overseas Travel	6,000	968,026	Methodist Trust Association	
4,410	Accounting Modernisation	4,410	61,913	(Inc)	84,282
	Special Account Income		1	Methodist Provident Society Ltd	1
	Available for Distribution		1,029,940		1,010,314
480 64,337	to Connexion	90,561		<u>FIXED ASSETS</u> (Note 3)	50,945
19,953	Loss on Development Costs	19,953			
	Archives - Finding Aids and		56,334		
2,000	Catalogue Aids	2,000			
	Archives - Auckland				
-	Establishment Costs	7,611			
100,244		136,398			
	<u>CAPITAL</u>				
67,124	Balance at 1st July, 1983	69,208			
	Transferred from Appropriation				
2,086	Account	1,475	70,683		
69,210					
1,137,928		1,090,797	1,137,928		1,090,797

THESE ACCOUNTS SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost. Reliance is based on the fact that the Fund is a going concern. Accrual accounting is used to match expenses and revenue.

PARTICULAR ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Depreciation - Straight line depreciation basis was adopted to recover the cost of assets over their useful life.

Sundry Debtors - Debtors have been valued at expected realisable value.

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on bases consistent with those of previous years.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

These notes form part of, and are to be read in conjunction with, the accompanying accounts.

- (1) The Board of Administration - Special account has been amalgamated in the presentation of these accounts.
(2) The Investment Board financial statements have been amalgamated in the presentation of these accounts.
(3) Fixed Assets. (A) Assets held at 1st July 1976 have been valued at book value.

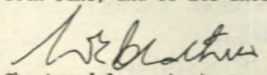
(B)	Cost or Valuation	Depreciation to date	Book Value
Home Property - Christchurch	\$ 53,500	\$ 9,904	\$ 43,596
Office Equipment, Furnishings and Printing Machinery	\$ 81,227	\$ 74,378	\$ 7,349
	<u>\$135,227</u>	<u>\$84,282</u>	<u>\$ 50,945</u>

(c) Government Valuation 1980 of the Home Property is \$60,000.

Chairman: G.E. Hill

I have examined the books of accounts and records of the Methodist Church Board of Administration for the year ended 30th June 1984. In my opinion, according to the information and explanations given to me, and as shown by the said books of account, the Income and Expenditure Account, the Appropriation Account and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund as at 30th June, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Secretary: A.K. Woodley


Chartered Accountant

CHRISTCHURCH
12 September 1984

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
SUPERNUMERARY FUND

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st January 1984

1983		1984	1983	1984
\$		\$	\$	\$
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
62,090	Sundry Creditors	18,649	17,171	Bank of New Zealand - Current Account 1,728
<u>DEPOSITS BY ALLIED FUNDS</u>				Deposits - Methodist Trust Association
30,699	Benevolent Fund	-	78,000	and others 80,171
6,323	Deferred Stipend Fund	-	80,131	Interest Accrued 75,011
191,680	Home Acquirement Fund "A"	-	3,163	Subscriptions Due 3,929
74,121	Home Acquirement Fund "B"	-	6,263	Subsidies Due 5,067
170,188	Lay Workers' Retiring Fund	-	26,007	Sundry Debtors 30,098
	Ministers Retirement	-	210,735	
54,460	Home Fund	-		196,004
53,085	Less House Property - Rotorua	-		
2,706	Add Net Income	-	4,000	<u>DEFERRED CHARGES</u>
4,081		-		Accounting Development Costs -
				Computerisation 7,800
477,092		-		
<u>TERM LOANS</u>			1,976,295	<u>INVESTMENTS (at Cost)</u>
200,000	Mortgage (Secured)	200,000	1,500	Methodist Trust Association
				Term Deposits 1,765,555
			142,542	First Mortgage 1,500
			2,120,337	Company Shares and Convertible
	<u>SPECIAL FUNDS, PROVISIONS</u>			Notes (Note 1) 149,216
	and RESERVES			1,916,271
	Investment Fluctuation			<u>FIXED ASSETS (at Cost or Valuation)</u>
10,000	Reserve 10,000			(Note 2)
	Property Revaluation		435,000	Epworth Chambers at Valuation (1979) 435,000
249,803	Reserve 249,803			Morley House Property at Valuation
	Provision for Maintenance		116,000	(1979)
20,000	Epworth Chambers (Note 4) 30,000		327,493	Kilmore Street Property at Cost 327,493
	Special Fund for Widows		540,760	Demeter House Property at Cost 540,760
11,273	Benefit (Note 5) --		1,419,253	1,419,253

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
SUPERNUMERARY FUND

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st January 1984

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	1983 \$		1984 \$	1983 \$	1984 \$
		<u>SPECIAL FUNDS, PROVISIONS and RESERVES</u>	cont'd		
	167,288	Ministers Retirement Housing Appeal Fund (Note 5)	-		
		Less Special Loans to Supernumeraries on Retirement	-		
	80,630				
	<u>86,658</u>				
	<u>377,734</u>		-	289,803	
483		<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>			
	2,330,828	Balance at beginning	2,637,409		
	310	ADD Donations	651		
	--	ADD Capital Profit on Sale of Shares	13,685		
	--	ADD Dividend Securities bank Group	522		
		ADD Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account	542,538		
	568,839		3,194,805		
	<u>2,899,977</u>				
	262,568	LESS Commutation of Annuities	163,929		
	<u>2,637,409</u>		3,030,876		
	<u>3,754,325</u>		<u>3,539,328</u>	<u>3,754,325</u>	<u>3,539,328</u>

These accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

SUPERNUMERARY FUND

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st January 1984

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The general accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of results of the financial position under the historical cost method have been observed in the preparation of these accounts. The specific accounting policies adopted in the accounts which effect the results and financial position disclosed are:

- (a) Depreciation - no depreciation has been provided on Buildings owned by the Fund.
- (b) Fixed Assets have been either re-valued to Government Valuation or valued at Cost.
- (c) Deferred Charges and Investments have been valued at Cost.
- (d) Sundry Debtors - have been valued at expected realisable Value.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS:

- 1 (a) Market Valuation of Company Shares and Convertible Notes at Balance Date amounted to \$397,931
- (b) Contingent Liability - \$6,111 being Uncalled Capital on Shares being purchased.

2. Fixed Assets:

Valuations of Properties:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Capital Value</u>	<u>Value of Improvements</u>	<u>Unimproved Value</u>
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Epworth Chambers (Valuation 1979)	213,081	435,000	195,000	240,000
Morley House (Valuation 1979)	88,117	116,000	1,000	115,000
Kilmore Street (Cost)	327,493	327,493	110,043	217,450
Demeter House (Cost)	540,760	540,760	397,560	143,200
	<u>1,169,451</u>	<u>1,419,253</u>		

3. Allied Fund Deposits held by the Supernumerary Fund during the year have now been invested in the Methodist Trust Association (Inc.) in their own name.
4. A transfer of \$10,000 was made during the year as a Provision for Maintenance on Epworth Chambers. It is envisaged that future transfers will be at a reduced rate of approximately \$5,000.
5. Transferred to other Funds pursuant to Resolution of Conference 1983.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

SUPERNUMERARY FUND

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st January 1984

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Chairman: G.E. Hill

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Supernumerary Fund for the year ended 31st January 1984. In our opinion, according to the information and explanations given to us, and as shown by the said books of account, the Revenue Account and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund, as at 31st January 1984, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Secretary: A.K. Woodley

TOUCHE ROSS & CO.
Chartered Accountants

Christchurch
8th May 1984

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
SUPERNUMERARY FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st January 1984

	1983		1984	1983		1984
	\$		\$	\$		\$
		<u>CHARGES</u>			<u>FUND CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	
28,227		Administration Fee	29,300	244,348	Personal Contributions	247,610
5,137		Actuarial Fee	1,706	262,604	Subsidies - Parishes & other Agencies	269,036
		Audit Fee, Computer Processing/ development & General Expenses	9,178	<u>506,952</u>		516,646
6,376		Commission Paid to Investment Board	<u>1,009</u>	18,915	<u>INVESTMENT INCOME</u>	
5,743				14,804	Company Dividends	19,998
<u>45,483</u>			41,193	260,807	Money Market Dealers and Others	8,593
				2,803	Methodist Trust Association	239,665
		<u>INTEREST PAID</u>		<u>297,329</u>	Mortgages	<u>157</u>
53,979		Allied Funds (to 30 November 1983)	38,430			268,413
					<u>PROPERTY INCOME</u>	
		<u>FUND DISBURSEMENTS</u>			<u>Epworth Chambers</u>	
185,192		Annuities Paid	210,806	86,167	Rent & Recovered costs	97,934
32,883		Contributions Refunded	5,064	43,616	Less Expenses	57,248
--		Death in Service	<u>37,158</u>		Less Provision for Maintenance	<u>10,000</u> 67,248
<u>218,075</u>			253,028	10,000		30,686
				<u>32,551</u>		
		Excess Income over Expenditure transferred to Accumulated Funds	542,538	9,321	<u>Morley House Property</u>	
568,839				4,584	Rent	9,338
				<u>4,737</u>	Less Expenses	<u>4,836</u>
						4,502
				68,500	<u>Demeter House</u>	
				7,770	Rent & Recovered Costs	68,500
					Less Expenses	8,697
				<u>30,000</u>	Less Interest on Mortgage	<u>30,000</u> 38,697
				<u>30,730</u>		29,803
					<u>Kilmore Street Property</u>	
				27,619	Rent & Recovered Costs	38,496
				13,542	Less Expenses	<u>13,357</u>
				<u>14,077</u>		25,139
						90,130
<u>886,376</u>			<u>875,189</u>	<u>886,376</u>		<u>875,189</u>

These accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

LAY WORKERS' RETIRING FUND

CONTRIBUTORS ACCOUNT for year ended 31st January 1984

<u>1983</u>		<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>		<u>1984</u>
<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>
13,598	Contributions Refunded	33,899	126,726	Balance at beginning of year	167,950
167,950	Balance at end of year	185,275	42,739	Personal and Subsidy Contributions	35,921
			12,083	Interest Received - Personal Deposits	15,303
<u>181,548</u>		<u>219,174</u>	<u>181,548</u>		<u>219,174</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for year ended 31st January 1984

487	1,050	Administration Fee	1,050	Interest Received - Deposit with	
	12,083	Interest Paid - Personal Deposits	15,328	Supernumerary Fund	14,554
	3,265	Life Insurance Premiums Paid	2,502	Interest Received - Deposit with	
	160	Stationery and General Expenses	376	Methodist Trust Association	4,702
	<u>16,558</u>		<u>19,256</u>	<u>16,558</u>	<u>19,256</u>

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
LAY WORKERS' RETIRING FUND
BALANCE SHEET as at 31st January 1984

1983 \$		1984 \$	1983 \$		1984 \$
	<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
1,637	Sundry Creditors	1,084		Bank of New Zealand - Current Account	9,750
167,950	<u>CONTRIBUTORS ACCOUNTS</u>	185,275		Interest Accrued	3,085
					12,835
	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>			<u>INVESTMENTS</u> (at Cost)	
601	Capital	601		Deposit - Methodist Trust Association	174,600
-	General Reserve	475		Deposit - Supernumerary Fund	-
		1,076	170,188		174,600
488 170,188		187,435	170,188		187,435

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

1. The general accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of results of the financial position under the historical cost method have been observed in the preparation of these accounts. The specific accounting policies adopted in the account which effect the results and financial position disclosed are:
 - (a) Accrued Interest has been valued at expected realisable value.
 - (b) Investments have been valued at cost.

Chairman: G.E. Hill

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Lay Workers' Retiring Fund for the year ended 31st January 1984. In our opinion, according to the information and explanations given to us, and as shown by the said books of account, the Contributors Account, Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund as at 31st January 1984, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Secretary: A.K. Woodley

TOUCHE ROSS & CO.
Chartered Accountants

Christchurch
8th May 1984

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
HOME ACQUIREMENT FUNDS

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st January 1984

1983 \$		1984 \$	1983 \$		1984 \$
	<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
-	Sundry Creditors	944	-	Bank of New Zealand - Current Account	1,700
260,950	<u>CONTRIBUTORS' ACCOUNTS</u>	232,922	-	Interest Accrued	<u>4,114</u>
					5,814
	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>			<u>INVESTMENTS (at Cost)</u>	
1,354	Capital	1,354		Deposit - Methodist Trust Association	232,903
3,497	<u>ADD Appropriation Account</u>	<u>3,497</u>	-	Deposit - Supernumerary Fund	-
<u>4,851</u>		4,851	265,801		<u>232,903</u>
265,801		<u>238,717</u>	<u>265,801</u>		<u>238,717</u>

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

- The general accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of results of the financial position under the historical cost method have been observed in the preparation of these accounts. The specific accounting policies adopted in the accounts which effect the results and financial position disclosed are:
 - Accrued Interest has been valued at expected realisable value.
 - Investments have been valued at Cost.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUNDS

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st January 1984

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Chairman: G.E. Hill

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Home Acquisition Funds for the year ended 31st January 1984. In our opinion, according to the information and explanations given to us and as shown by the said books of account, the Contributors Account, Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund as at 31st January 1984, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Secretary: A.K. Woodley

TOUCHE ROSS & CO.
Chartered Accountants

Christchurch
8th May 1984

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUNDS

CONTRIBUTORS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st January 1984

<u>1983</u>		<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>		<u>1984</u>
\$		\$	\$		\$
65,967	Contributions Refunded	56,874	281,310	Balance at beginning of year	260,950
260,950	Balance at end of year	232,922	7,811	Personal Contributions	1,800
			37,796	Interest Received - Personal Deposits	27,046
<u>326,917</u>		<u>289,796</u>	<u>326,917</u>		<u>289,796</u>

INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st January 1984

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1,708	Administration Fee	944		Distribution Received - Methodist	
37,796	Interest Paid - Personal Deposits	27,046	39,785	Trust Association	28,473
281	Stationery and General Expenses	483			
<u>39,785</u>		<u>28,473</u>	<u>39,785</u>		<u>28,473</u>

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

DEFERRED STIPEND

DEPOSITORS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st January 1984

<u>1983</u>		<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>		<u>1984</u>
\$		\$	\$		\$
10,054	Contributions Refunded	-	15,679	Balance at beginning of year	6,324
6,323	Balance at end of year	6,939	40	Deposits Received	--
			658	Interest Received - Personal Deposits	615
<u>16,377</u>		<u>6,939</u>	<u>16,377</u>		<u>6,939</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT as at 31st January 1984

90	Administration Fee	90	764	Interest Received - Supernumerary Fund	538
658	Interest Paid - Personal Deposits	615	-	Interest Received - Methodist Trust Association	183
16	Stationery and General Expenses	16			
<u>764</u>		<u>721</u>	<u>764</u>		<u>721</u>

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
DEFERRED STIPEND
BALANCE SHEET as at 31st January 1984

<u>1983</u> \$		<u>1984</u> \$	<u>1983</u> \$		<u>1984</u> \$
6,323	<u>CONTRIBUTORS ACCOUNT</u>	6,939		<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
				- Bank of New Zealand - Current Account	93
				- Sundry Debtors	161
				- Interest Accrued	<u>124</u>
					378
				<u>INVESTMENTS (at Cost)</u>	
				Deposit - Methodist Trust Association	6,561
			6,323	Deposit - Supernumerary Fund	<u>-</u>
					6,561
493 <u>6,323</u> <u>=====</u>		<u>6,939</u> <u>=====</u>	<u>6,323</u> <u>=====</u>		<u>6,939</u> <u>=====</u>

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

1. The general accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of results of the financial position under the historical cost method have been observed in the preparation of these accounts. The specific accounting policies adopted in the accounts which effect the results and financial position disclosed are:
 - (a) Sundry Debtors and Accrued Interest have been valued at expected realisable value.
 - (b) Investments have been valued at cost.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

DEFERRED STIPEND

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st January 1984

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Chairman: G.E. Hill

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Deferred Stipend Fund for the year ended 31st January 1984. In our opinion, according to the information and explanations given to us, and as shown by the said books of account the Depositors Account, Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund as at 31st January 1984, and of its income and expenditure account for the year ended on that date.

Secretary: A.K. Woodley

TOUCHE ROSS & CO.
Chartered Accountants

Christchurch
8th May 1984

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
SUPERNUMERARIES BENEVOLENT FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st January 1984.

<u>1983</u> \$		<u>1984</u> \$	<u>1983</u> \$		<u>1984</u> \$
450	Grants Paid	1,100		Distribution Received - Methodist	
-	General Office Expenses	6	3,450	Trust Association	4,911
	Excess Income over Expenditure				
3,000	transferred to Balance Sheet	3,805			
<u>3,450</u>		<u>4,911</u>	<u>3,450</u>		<u>4,911</u>

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st January 1984

495	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>		<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
	Capital at beginning of the Year	24,690	Bank of New Zealand - Current Account	189
19,942	ADD Special Fund for Widows transferred from Supernumerary Fund	11,274	- Sundry Debtors	5,365
		35,964	- Interest Accrued	<u>788</u>
				6,342
19,942	ADD Grant - Thorndon Trust	5,150	<u>INVESTMENTS (at Cost)</u>	
4,547	ADD Other Grants	-	Deposit - Methodist Trust Association	44,586
200		41,114	Deposit - Supernumerary Fund	-
<u>24,689</u>				44,586
3,009	Appropriation Account 6,009			
	ADD Excess Income over Expenditure 3,805			
3,000		9,814		
<u>6,009</u>		<u>50,928</u>		
30,698		<u>50,928</u>		<u>50,928</u>

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
SUPERNUMERARIES BENEVOLENT FUND
BALANCE SHEET as at 31st January 1984

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

1. The general accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of results of the financial position under the historical cost method have been observed in the preparation of these accounts. The specific accounting policies adopted in the accounts which effect the results and financial position disclosed are:
- (a) Sundry Debtors and Accrued Interest have been valued at expected realisable value.
 - (b) Investments have been valued at cost.

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Chairman: G.E. Hill

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Supernumeraries Benevolent Fund for the year ended 31st January 1984. In our opinion, according to the information and explanations given to us, and as shown by the said books of account, the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of the Fund as at 31st January 1984, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Secretary: A.K. Woodley

TOUCHE ROSS & CO.
Chartered Accountants

Christchurch
8th May 1984

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
MINISTERS RETIREMENT HOME FUND

INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st January 1984

<u>1983</u> <u>\$</u>	<u>1984</u> <u>\$</u>	<u>1983</u> <u>\$</u>	<u>1984</u> <u>\$</u>
- Property Expenses	666	- Interest Received - Methodist Trust Association	527
- Excess Income over Expenditure	2,201	- Rent Received - Rotorua	2,340
-	2,867	-	2,867
-	-	-	-

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st January 1984

<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
- Sundry Creditors	115	- Bank of New Zealand - Current Account	1,232
		- Sundry Debtors	585
		- Interest Accrued	82
			1,899
<u>ACCUMULATED FUND</u>		<u>INVESTMENT (at Cost)</u>	
- Balance at Beginning	57,166	- Deposit - Methodist Trust Association	4,498
- <u>ADD</u> Excess Income over Expenditure	2,201		
	59,367	<u>FIXED ASSETS (at Cost)</u>	
		- House Property - Rotorua	53,085
	59,482		59,482
-	-	-	-

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
MINISTERS RETIREMENT HOME FUND
BALANCE SHEET as at 31st January 1984

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

1. The general accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of results of the financial position under the historical cost method have been observed in the preparation of these accounts. The specific accounting policies adopted in the account which effect the results and financial position disclosed are:
- (a) Sundry Debtors and Accrued Interest have been valued at expected realisable value.
- (b) Investment have been valued at cost.

2. <u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Capital Value</u>	<u>Value of Improvements</u>	<u>Unimproved Value</u>
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
House Property - Rotorua	53,085	30,000	19,000	11,000

Chairman: G.E. Hill We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Ministers Retirement Home Fund for the year ended 31st January 1984. In our opinion, according to the information and explanations given to us, and as shown by the said books of account the Income and Expenditure Account, and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of the Fund as at 31st January 1984, and of its income and expenditure account for the year ended on that date.

Secretary: A.K. Woodley

TOUCHE ROSS & CO.
Chartered Accountant

Christchurch
8th May 1984

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
MINISTERS RETIRING HOUSING APPEAL FUND

INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st January 1984

<u>1983</u> \$	<u>1984</u> \$	<u>1983</u> \$	<u>1984</u> \$
- Office and General Expenses	26	- Interest Received - Methodist Trust Association	9,918
- Excess Income over Expenditure	<u>9,892</u>		
	<u>9,918</u>		<u>9,918</u>

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st January 1984

<u>SUNDY CREDITORS</u>		<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
- Bank of New Zealand - Current Account	1,015	- Sundry Debtors	258
		- Interest Accrued	<u>1,714</u>
			1,972
<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>		<u>INVESTMENT (at Cost)</u>	
- Balance at Beginning	149,408	- Deposit - Methodist Trust Association	93,343
- <u>ADD Excess Income over Expenditure</u>	<u>9,892</u>	- Special Loans to Supernumeraries on Retirement	<u>65,000</u>
	159,300		158,343
	<u>160,315</u>		<u>160,315</u>

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

1. The general accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of results of the financial position under the historical cost method have been observed in the preparation of these accounts. The specific accounting policies adopted in the accounts which effect the results and financial position disclosed are:
 - (a) Sundry Debtors and Accrued Interest have been valued at expected realisable value.
 - (b) Investments have been valued at cost.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
MINISTERS RETIRING HOUSING APPEAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET as at 31st January 1984

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Chairman: G.E.Hill

We have examined the books of account and records of the Methodist Church Ministers Retiring Housing Appeal Fund for the year ended 31st January 1984. In our opinion, according to the information and explanations given to us, and as shown by the said books of account, the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of the Fund as at 31st January 1984, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Secretary: A.K. Woodley

TOUCHE ROSS & CO.
Chartered Accountants

Christchurch
8th May 1984

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION MINISTERS HOUSING ACCOUNT
HOME ACQUIREMENT FUNDS CONTRIBUTORS ACCOUNT
FOR YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1984

1983		1984	1983		1984
\$		\$	\$		\$
65,967	Contributions Refunded	56,874	281,310	Balance at beginning of year	260,950
260,950	Balance at End of Year	232,922	7,811	Personal Contributions	1,800
			37,796	Interest Received - Personal Deposits	27,046
<u>326,917</u>		<u>289,796</u>	<u>326,917</u>		<u>289,796</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY 1984

1,708	Administration Fees	944		Distribution Received - Methodist Trust Association	38,918
	Interest Paid to Home Acquirement Fund Depositors	27,046	51,433		
37,796			1,950	Rent Received - Rotorua	2,340
281	Office and General Expenses	509			
427	Property Expenses - Rotorua	666			
13,171	Excess Income over Expenditure	12,093			
<u>53,383</u>		<u>41,258</u>	<u>53,383</u>		<u>41,258</u>

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION MINISTERS HOUSING ACCOUNT
APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT for year ended 31st JANUARY, 1984

<u>1983</u>		<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>		<u>1984</u>
<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>
	Transfer to:-				
2,706	Ministers Retirement Home Fund	2,201	13,171	Excess Income over Expenditure	12,093
10,465	Ministers Retirement Housing Appeal Fund	9,892			
<u>13,171</u>		<u>12,093</u>	<u>13,171</u>		<u>12,093</u>

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION MINISTERS HOUSING ACCOUNT
BALANCE SHEET as at 31st JANUARY, 1984

	1983		1984		1983		1984
	\$		\$		\$		\$
CURRENT LIABILITIES					CURRENT ASSETS		
-- Sundry Creditors			1,059		Bank of New Zealand - Current Account	1,917	
DEPOSITS HELD:-					Sundry Debtors	843	
Home Acquisition Funds					Interest Accrued	5,910	
FUND "A"							8,670
186,829 Contributors Account	189,355				INVESTMENTS (at Cost)		
4,851 Accumulated Funds	4,851				Deposit - Methodist Trust Association (Inc.)	330,744	
191,680	194,206				Deposit - Supernumerary Fund	--	
							330,744
FUND "B"							
74,121 Contributors Account	43,567				FIXED ASSETS (at Cost) (Note 1)		
265,801			237,773		House Property - Rotorua (Purchase by the Ministers Retirement Home Fund)		53,085
54,460 MINISTERS RETIREMENT HOME FUND	57,166						
ADD Interest and Net Rent for Year	2,201						
57,166			59,367				
MINISTERS RETIREMENT HOUSING FUND APPEAL							
138,943	149,408						
10,465 ADD Interest for Year	9,892						
149,408	159,300						
LESS Special Loans to Supernumeraries on Retirement	65,000						
62,750							
86,658			94,300				
409,625			392,499				392,499

These accounts are to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION MINISTERS HOUSING ACCOUNT

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st January, 1984 - continued

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost. Reliance is based on the fact that the Account is a going concern. Accrual accounting is used to match expenses and revenue.

PARTICULAR ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Sundry Debtors - Debtors have been valued at expected Realisable Value.
Investments - Investment have been valued as stated.

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on bases consistent with those of previous years.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

These notes form part of, and are to be read in conjunction with, the accompanying accounts.

	<u>COST</u>	<u>CAPITAL</u> <u>VALUE</u>	<u>VALUE OF</u> <u>IMPROVEMENTS</u>	<u>UNIMPROVED</u> <u>VALUE</u>
	\$	\$	\$	\$
1. Fixed Assets - House Property - Rotorua	53,085	30,000	19,000	11,000

Chairman: G.E. Hill

We have examined the books of accounts and records of the Board of Administration Ministers Housing Account for the year ended 31st January 1984. In our opinion, according to the information and explanations given to us, and as shown by the said books of account, the Income and Expenditure Account, Home Acquisition Funds Contributors Account, Appropriation Account and Balance Sheet are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Account as at 31st January 1984, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Secretary: A.K. Woodley

TOUCHE ROSS & CO.
Chartered Accountants

CHRISTCHURCH

The Methodist Church of New Zealand

Joint Board for Mission Overseas

Income and Expenditure Account

for year ended 30 June 1984

<u>1983</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>1984</u>
189,077	Connexional Budget	235,710
1,186	Donations and Legacies	9,166
39,781	Interest and Dividends	39,117
7,627	Interest on office space investment	7,627
3,370	Sundry Income	-
<hr/>		<hr/>
241,041		291,620
	<u>Expenditure</u>	
730	Audit	730
185	Accident Compensation Levy	159
371	Bank Charges and Interest	(18)
762	Board Travel	2,276
630	Conference Costs/Staff Meetings	-
15,290	General Secretary: Stipend and Allowances	16,471
4,339	Travel, Overseas	3,200
651	Travel in New Zealand	(82)
1,644	Travel, Local	4,094
1,330	Residence Costs	(478)
673	Missionary Preparation	633
4,960	Office Expenses	6,161
12,962	Office Salaries	9,301
4,557	Office Rent	2,605
7,150	Overseas Student Exchange	-
3,565	Printing, Stationery, Publicity	3,449
4,054	Staff Superannuation	4,082
1,246	Telephones	955
17,238	Botswana Special Project	18,820
74,432	United Church - Block Grant	74,577
508	- Staff Grant	-
11,500	- Medical Grant	20,541
8,000	- Fares and Freight	11,362
34,207	- New Zealand Allowances	43,451
8	- Furniture Allowances	-
5,358	- Furlough Costs	6,508
-	- Travel & Study	265
-	- Reserve Stipends	7,029
46,822	Samoa, Tonga, Fiji Church Grants	40,093
481	Sundry Expenses	453
304	Subscriptions	130
-	Special Grants	31,700
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263,957		308,467
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(\$22,916)	Net Income (Deficit) Carried Forward	\$(16,850)
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Balance Sheet as at 30 June 1984

(1983)	<u>Current Liabilities</u>	\$	<u>1984</u>	(1983)	<u>Current Assets</u>	\$	<u>1984</u>
3,600	Loan at Call	3,600		10,490	Bank of New Zealand	13,492	
11,037	Gifts and Grants	-		47,721	Sundry Debtors and Accruals	40,410	
2,447	Sundry Creditors and Accruals	378		43,000	Cash at Call - N.Z. M.T.A.	88,790	
3,632	Fijian Relief Appeal	725		(9,150)	Ozama Twomey Appeal		
20,716			4,703	92,061			142,692
	<u>Reserves and Funds</u>				<u>Investments (at cost)</u>		
(33,621)	Special Projects	28,826		58,291	Building and Special Projects	-	
233	Discretionary Fund			62,000	Medical Fund Debenture	60,000	
420	Car Replacement Reserve	1,680		10,000	Pacific Projects Debenture	-	
9,442	Residence Sinking Fund	9,442		94,981	Shares and Debentures	86,504	
92,000	Medical Fund	92,000		9,147	Methodist Trust Association	10,487	
4,224	Sickness and Accident Fund	-		21,255	Investments Funds Board	21,255	
181	Solomon Isle History	-		50,000	Long Term Debentures	50,000	
79,083	Trusts	-					
1,630	Office Equipment Reserve	2,402					
153,592			134,350	305,674			228,246
	<u>Capital and Reserves</u>				<u>Loan</u>		
285,924	Accumulated Funds	293,122		6,000	Tongan Church	6,000	6,000
			293,122		<u>Fixed Assets (at cost)</u>		
				42,476	Residence	42,476	
				6,300	Motor Vehicles	5,040	
					<u>At Cost Less Depreciation</u>		
				7,721	Office Equipment	8,578	
					Less Depreciation	857	7,721
							55,237
\$460,232		\$432,175	\$460,232				\$432,175

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

OVERSEAS DIVISION

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. The general principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of results and financial position under the historical cost method have been observed in the preparation of these accounts.
2. Depreciation has been carried out by applying a Fixed Rate transfer to replacement reserves, in line with Board Policy, and in keeping with former years.

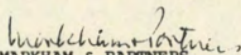
3. MOVEMENT IN ACCUMULATED GENERAL FUNDS

Balance 1 July 1983	285,924
Add Share Revaluation	18,180
Add Capital Profit on Shares sold/matured	5,868
Deduct net deficit for year	(16,850)
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<u>Balance Accumulated General Funds at</u>	<u>\$293,122</u>
<u>30 June 1984</u>	<u></u>

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the books and records of the Methodist Overseas Mission Fund for the year ended 30 June 1984, and have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required.

In our opinion the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account, together with the above notes, are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund as at 30 June 1984 and of its Income and Expenditure for the year ended on that date.


MARKHAM & PARTNERS
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AUCKLAND

12th October 1984

THE REHABILIM TRUST BOARD

Income and Expenditure Account

for the Year Ending 30 June 1984

<u>1983</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>1984</u>
32,775	Donations and Legacies received	28,396
<u>1,252</u>	Interest received	<u>701</u>
34,027		29,097
	<u>Expenditure</u>	
102	Advertising	-
32	Bank Charges	41
393	Local Staff Expenses	-
137	Medical Supplies	-
392	Printing and Stationery	1,344
1,293	Sundry Expenses - Services	-
125	Transport Expenses	204
26,399	Budget Money Sent	31,500
2,250	Rent Paid	6,750
-	Postages	62
<u>31,123</u>		<u>39,901</u>
<u>\$2,904</u>	<u>Current Surplus (Deficit) Transferred to Accumulated Funds</u>	<u>(10,804)</u>

(No charge has been made by the Joint Board for Mission Overseas for administrative facilities.)

THE REHABILIM TRUST BOARD

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 1984

<u>1983</u>	<u>Current Liabilities</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>Current Assets</u>	<u>1984</u>
			1,034	Bank of New Zealand	11,292
			7,062	Sundry Debtors	-
			<u>14,000</u>	Call Money - N.Z.M.T.A.	<u>-</u>
			22,096		11,292
22,256	<u>Accumulated Funds</u>	11,452		<u>Fixed Assets</u>	
			160	Equipment	160
<u>\$22,256</u>		<u>11,452</u>	<u>\$22,256</u>		<u>\$11,452</u>

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THE REHABILIM TRUST BOARD

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS & STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING

POLICIES

1. The General Principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of results and financial position under the historical cost method have been observed in the preparation of these accounts. No depreciation has been written off the assets.

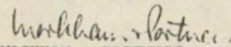
2. Movement in Accumulated Funds

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Balance 1 July 1983	22,256
Deduct Deficit for year	10,804
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Balance Accumulated Funds at 30 June 1984	\$11,452
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Auditors' Report

We have examined the books and records of the Rehabilim Trust Board for the year ended 30 June 1984, and have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required.

In our opinion the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account, together with the above notes, are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund as at 30 June 1984, and of its Income and Expenditure for the year ended on that date.


MARKHAM & PARTNERS
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

AUCKLAND

12th October 1984

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

MAORI DIVISION

ADMINISTRATION INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for the year ended 30 June, 1984

(1983)	<u>INCOME</u>	1984
\$		\$
15,921	E W Blackwell Distribution	13,154
141,142	Connexional Budget	122,605
19,233	Circuit Contributions	14,219
7,236	Donations and Legacies	10,587
15,000	Grey Institute Trust	20,000
11,607	Interest and Dividends	13,869
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210,139		194,434
	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
250	Audit	250
824	ACC Levy	610
115	Bank Charges	130
26,500	Circuit Expenses	17,978
	Conference Costs	5
2,743	Office Salaries	3,206
1,912	Office Expenses	2,841
979	Printing and Stationery	412
415	Postage	318
137,524	Stipends (Staff)	134,682
-	Telephones	194
12,917	Tumuaki Stipend/Allowances	5,901
180	Travel Expenses	-
260	Sundry Expenses	906
1,027	Office Rent	981
7,745	Mangere Marae Expenses	7,036
	Parsonage Repairs	2,364
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193,391		177,814
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\$16,748	<u>Net Income to Accumulated General Funds</u>	177,814
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		\$16,620

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

MAORI DIVISION

BALANCE SHEET as at 30 JUNE, 1984

(1983)	<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>	1984	(1983)	<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	1984
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
957	Christian Education	942	7,593	Current Bank A/c BNZ	6,524
2,011	Hymn Books	2,011	14,335	Sundry Debtors	12,068
44,770	Sundry Creditors	5,208	70,000	Cash on Call Deposit	84,500
47,738		8,161	91,928		103,098
	<u>RESERVES</u>			<u>INVESTMENTS AT COST</u>	
512 4,215	Cars	4,215	2,367	Loans -	-
5,000	Kaikarakia Training Fund	5,000	12,678	Investment Funds Board	12,678
-	Theological Training Fund	4,756	5,456	Methodist Trust Assoc.	6,255
-	Mangere Marae Special Fund	27,479	2,885	Seamer House Hostel	2,885
9,215		41,450	23,386		21,818
	<u>CAPITAL</u>			<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	
61,548	Accumulated General Funds (see Note 3)	78,168	3,187	Office Equipment, at cost	3,188
				Less depreciation	319
					2,869
\$118,501		\$127,779	\$118,501		\$127,779

NB: Refer to attached notes
and Auditor's Report.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

MAORI DIVISION

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. The General Principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of results and financial position under the historical cost method have been observed in the preparation of these accounts.
2. Office Equipment has been depreciated at 10% of written down value.

3. <u>Movement in Accumulated General Funds</u>	\$
Balance 1 July 1983	61,548
Add Net Income for year	16,620
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<u>Balance 30 June, 1984</u>	78,168
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AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have examined the Books and Records of the Maori Division for the year ended 30 June, 1984, and have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required.

In our opinion the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account, with the above Notes, are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the state of the affairs, as at 30 June, 1984 and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

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METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

MAORI DIVISION (SEAMER HOUSE)

ADMINISTRATION INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 1984

(1983)	<u>INCOME</u>	\$	\$
\$		\$	\$
39,787	Boarding Fees		36,654
15,739	Subsidy		13,450
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55,526			50,104
	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
90	Audit	90	
70	Accident Compensation Levy	59	
1,665	Accounting	666	
1,583	Bank Charges and Interest	999	
98	Depreciation	149	
3,959	Light and Power	3,725	
4,771	Maintenance	4,311	
25,175	Provisions	26,714	
2,932	Rates and Water	4,555	
1,112	Telephone	1,477	
636	TV Expenses	462	
7,626	Wages	9,859	
578	Sundry	943	
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50,295			54,009
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5,231	Current Surplus (Deficit) transferred to Accumulated General Funds.		(3,905)
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METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND - MAORI DIVISION (SEAMER HOUSE)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT JUNE 30 1984

(1983)	<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		(1983)	<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
\$		\$	\$		\$
3,981	Overdraft Bank of NZ	11,413		Post Office Savings Bank	1,048
1,897	Creditors and Accruals	200	360	Debtors and Accruals	685
2,885	Loan fro Maori Division	2,885			
<u>8,763</u>					<u>1,733</u>
		14,498			
	<u>CAPITAL</u>			<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	
			1,274	Fixtures & Fittings at cost	1,880
			390	Less: Depreciation	539
(12,750)	Accumulated General Funds		<u>884</u>		
	(1.7.83)	(7,519)			
5,231	Plus: Surplus (Deficit)				1,341
	for Current Year	(3,905)			
(7,519)	CAPITAL DEFICIENCY AT				
	30.6.84	(11,424)			
<u>1,244</u>		<u>3,074</u>	<u>1,244</u>		<u>3,074</u>

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MAORI DIVISION (SEAMER HOUSE)

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

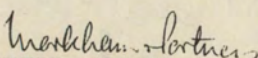
1. The General Accounting Principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of results and financial position under the historical cost method, have been observed in the preparation of these Accounts.
2. General Expenditure and Income administered by Matron has been brought to account.
3. Depreciation of Furniture is at 10% of written down value, as in former years.
4. Movement in Accumulated General Funds \$

Balance 1 July 1983 (Deficiency)	(7,519)
Add Net Expenditure for year	(3,905)
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<u>Balance (Deficiency) 30 June, 1984</u>	<u>(11,424)</u>

AUDIT REPORT

We have examined the Books and Records of the Maori Division (Seamer House) for the year ended 30 June, 1984, and have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required.

In our opinion the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account, with the above Notes, are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the state of the affairs, as at 30 June, 1984, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.


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METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1984

(1983)	<u>INCOME</u>	1984
\$	\$	\$
88,176	Connexional Budget	98,107
7,961	E.W. Blackwell Distribution	6,577
4,079	Donations and Legacies Received	37,444
1,772	Fijian Ministry - Income	-
10,699	Interest and Dividends	10,594
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112,687		152,722
	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
226	Accident Compensation Levy	156
300	Audit	300
528	Bank Charges and Interest	(112)
737	Conference Costs/Staff Meetings	469
1,772	Fijian Ministry - Expenses	2,500
10,670	Grants to Circuits	14,146
17,941	Grants - Hospital Chaplaincy	10,865
	Grants - Tongan Consultation	-
1,500	Grants - Twizel	-
-	Grants - Hammer Parish	875
-	Grants - Bicultural Church	3,766
-	Grants - Friendship House	377
-	Grants - Long Service Leave	563
-	Membership Research	830
5,811	Office Expenses	5,336
7,927	Office Salaries	9,617
3,497	Office Rent	3,340
-	Office Telephones	1,124
1,514	Printing and Stationery	2,310
505	Postage	878
27,148	Samoan Ministry	33,420
20,794	Superintendent	21,336
1,937	Task Group - 'Making Disciples'	2,384
8,449	Tongan Ministry	5,755
2,609	Travel Expenses	4,360
409	Sundry Expense	519
5,627	Ex Investment - 'Friendship House'	-
-	Depreciation	1,677
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119,901		126,791
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\$ (7,214)	<u>Net Income (Expenditure) to Accumulated Funds</u>	\$25,931

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

BALANCE SHEET as at 30 JUNE, 1984

(1983)	<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>	\$	1984	\$	(1983)	<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	\$	1984	\$
9,106	Sundry Creditors	787			10,765	Sundry Debtors	1,018		
6,000	Connexional Loan	-			4,867	Bank of New Zealand	4,395		
					5,000	Methodist Trust Assoc.	-		
				787					5,41
	<u>RESERVES</u>					<u>INVESTMENTS AT COST</u>			
3,228	Fijian Ministry	3,228			400	Methodist Trust Assoc.	21,484		
			3,228		12,678	Investment Funds Board	12,678		
									34,16
	<u>CAPITAL</u>					<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>			
20,886	Accumulated General Funds	42,268			5,510	Office Furniture at cost	8,385		
						Less Depreciation	1,677		
			42,268						6,70
39,220			46,283		39,220				46,28

NB: Refer to attached notes
and Auditor's Report

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. The General Principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of results, and financial position under the historical cost method have been observed in the preparations of these accounts.

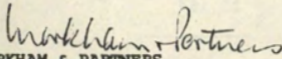
2. Movement in Accumulated General Funds

	\$
Balance 1 July 1983	20,886
Deduct 82/83 interest item	(4,549)
Add surplus for year	25,931
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<u>Balance at 30 June, 1984</u>	<u>\$42,268</u>

AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have examined the Books and Records of the Development Division for the year ended 30 June, 1984 and have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required.

In our opinion the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account, with the above notes are properly drawn up, so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund as at 30 June, 1984 and of its Income and Expenditure for the year ended on that date.


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12 October 1984

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

THE EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST FUND

ADMINISTRATION INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 1984

(1983)	<u>INCOME</u>	\$	\$
\$			
7,988	Interest and Dividends	9,310	
65,758	Rents	53,788	
73,746			63,098
	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
150	Audit	150	
1,165	Accounting	999	
853	Insurance	775	
1,731	Rates and Water	1,084	
150	Miscellaneous	(46)	
1,155	Maintenance	647	
5,204			3,609
68,542	Net Income		59,489
	<u>Less Distribution of Net Rental Income</u>		
4,784	Depreciation Reserve	5,485	
859	Maintenance Reserve	952	
15,136	Capital Reserve	13,590	
23,882	Investment Funds Board	19,731	
7,960	Development Division	6,577	
15,921	Maori Division	13,154	
68,542			59,489
NIL	<u>Net Surplus, Transferred to Accumulated Funds</u>		NIL

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND - THE EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST FUND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE, 1984

(1983)	<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			(1983)	<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
\$	<u>OWING TO -</u>	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$
3,882	Investment Funds Board	12,931		14,067	Current Account BNZ	7,439	
1,461	Development Division	(690)				-	
2,921	Maori Division	8,621		5,290	Sundry Debtors	4,005	
1,264	Sundry Creditors & Accruals	-		30,000	Cash at Call - MTA	54,000	
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9,528			20,862	49,357			65,444
	<u>CAPITAL RESERVES</u>				<u>INVESTMENTS AT COST</u>		
46,194	Capital Reserve	59,784		3,000	Investments Funds Board Loan	15,274	
47,986	Depreciation Reserve	53,471		25,000	Epworth Bookroom Loan	3,000	
2,083	Maintenance Reserve	3,035			Broadlands Debenture (1986)	25,000	
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96,263			116,290	28,000			43,274
				28,434	<u>FIXED ASSETS AT COST</u>		
					Freehold Land and Buildings		28,434
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105,791			137,152	105,791			137,152
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THE EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST FUNDNOTES TO ACCOUNTS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. The General Accounting Principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of results and financial position under the historical cost method, have been observed in the preparation of these Accounts. Buildings are not depreciated, but a Depreciation Reserve is maintained by annual allocations of net income, per Will requirements below.
2. Allocations to Reserves by distribution of Net Rental Income and Interest etc., are in accordance with the Will of Edith Winstone Blackwell, as in former years.
3. Government Valuation of Land and Buildings at 1.10.80 was \$210,000.
4. Movements in Capital Reserves during year to 30 June, 1984

	\$	\$
Capital Reserves, opening	46,194	
Plus, Interest credited direct	3,724	
Plus, Net Rental Income credited	9,866	
<u>Balance 30 June 1984</u>		59,784
Depreciation Reserve, opening	47,986	
Plus, Interest Credited direct	4,935	
Plus, Net Rental Income credited	550	
<u>Balance 30 June, 1984</u>		53,471
Maintenance Reserve, opening	2,083	
Plus, Interest credited direct	652	
Plus, Net Rental Income credited	300	
<u>Balance 30 June, 1984</u>		3,035

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

We have examined the Books and Records of the Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust Fund for the year ended 30th June 1984, and have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required.

In our opinion the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account with the attached Notes, are properly drawn up so as to give respectively, a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Fund as at 30th June 1984, and of its Income and Expenditure for the year ended 30th June 1984.

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 12TH OCTOBER 1984.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE, 1984

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METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD
ADMINISTRATION INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1984

<u>1983</u>		<u>1984</u>
<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>
	<u>INCOME</u>	
43,699	Interest and Dividends	45,915
5,983	Rents	8,403
50	Sundries	--
23,882	E W Blackwell Distribution	19,731
820	Donation - Mangere Marae ex Maori Division	13,050
<hr/> 74,434		<hr/> 87,099
	<u>LESS EXPENDITURE</u>	
780	Audit	780
4,660	Accounting	5,661
58	Mortgage Interest	6,657
16,725	Interest on Divisional Funds	16,725
142	Legal Expenses	81
290	Misc. and Sundries	847
11,852	Rates and Water	12,699
3,563	Insurance	4,441
--	Rent	273
66	Bank Charges & Interest	501
--	Office Expenses	117
4,942	Maintenance of Properties	3,037
<hr/> 43,078		<hr/> 51,819
31,356	Net Income to Accumulated General Funds	35,280
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METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. The General Accounting Policies recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of results, and financial position under the historical cost method, have been observed in the preparation of these accounts, with the exception that Fixed Assets are not depreciated, (apart from office equipment which is depreciated at 10% on cost.)
2. All properties are insured for replacement value, and Sinking Fund balances remain at the previous year's levels.
3. The Board continues to hold Divisional Office Funds as shown, and invested in Term Debentures, and in the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association.
4. Company Shares have been revalued to market value as at 30.6.84 and adjustments made for sale of property and Christchurch Investments.
5. Movement in Accumulated General Funds

	\$
Balance 1 July, 1983	546,808
Plus Net Income for Year	35,280
Plus Capital Gain on Investments	634
Less Capital loss on Investments - Christchurch	(6,385)
Plus Capital Gain on Sale of Shares	11,220
Plus Capital Reserve written back (Asset Sold)	1,700
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Balance 30 June, 1984	\$589,257
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AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have examined the Books and Records of the Investment Funds Board for the year ended 30 June 1984, and have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required.

In our opinion the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account, with the above notes, are properly drawn up, so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund as at 30 June, 1984, and of its Income and Expenditure for the year ended on that date.


MARKHAM & PARTNERS
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

AUCKLAND

12 October, 1984

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1984

1983 \$			1984 \$		1983 \$			1984 \$
<u>COLLEGE</u>				<u>COLLEGE</u>				
55,232	Student Allowances and Expenses	69,904		31,641	Connexional Budget	27,928		
52,538	Staff Stipends and Allowances	50,770			Methodist Trust Association -			
	Rent and Maintenance - Staff			8,680	Probert Trust	77,454		
2,930	Housing	4,080		5,993	Interest Received	21,132		
6,393	Secretarial	6,083		45,235	Donations and Grants	4,317		
1,230	Travel - General	4,244		--	Sundry Income	5		
2,806	- Overseas	2,386		<u>91,549</u>			130,836	
150	Principal's Discretionary Fund	1,583						
--	Cultural Education Programme	3,030			<u>HOME SETTING EDUCATION</u>			
	Resources, Teaching Aids &			4,881	Donations and Grants	6,650		
1,481	Archives	1,549		1,351	Rents Received	1,360		
12,714	Administration Expenses	12,016		28	Sundry Income	105		
527			155,645	<u>6,260</u>			8,115	
<u>135,474</u>					<u>COMMUNICATIONS UNIT</u>			
<u>HOME SETTING EDUCATION</u>				<u>SALES:</u>				
19,700	Staff Stipends and Allowances	22,185		571	- Audio Visual Material	858		
	Rent and Maintenance - Staff			1,441	- Printing	3,563		
3,385	Housing	4,437		<u>2,012</u>			4,421	
2,991	Book and Fees Allowances	1,353			<u>PROPERTIES</u>			
216	Supervisor Fees	311		140,245	Rents Received	80,011		
5,572	Conferences and Seminars	3,343		<u>140,245</u>		80,011		
1,280	Home Setting Travel	922					80,011	
811	Resource Development	1,310			<u>EDUCATION CENTRE</u>			
2,269	Office Expenses - Telephones etc	1,650		--	Rents Received	1,170		
11	Supervisor's Education	239		--	Donations and Grants	1,625		
5,000	Maori Division	5,000		--			2,795	
321	Ministry Strategy Consultations	78		<u>--</u>				
	Samoan Ministry School of							
--	Theology	1,247						
<u>41,556</u>			42,075					

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1984 - cont'd

1983 \$		1984 \$	1983 \$	1984 \$
<u>COMMUNICATIONS UNIT</u>				
1,267	Audio Visual Costs	662		
386	Printing Costs	3,011		
<u>1,653</u>		<u>3,673</u>		
<u>EDUCATION CENTRE</u>				
722	Property Costs -			
	Maintenance etc	1,348		
<u>722</u>		<u>1,348</u>		
<u>PROPERTY EXPENSES</u>				
28,351	Grafton Properties	22,961		
<u>28,351</u>		<u>22,961</u>		
32,310	Excess Income over Expenditure	476		
<u>240,066</u>		<u>226,178</u>	<u>240,066</u>	<u>226,178</u>

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
BALANCE SHEET as at 30 JUNE 1984

1983		1984	1983		1984
\$		\$	\$		\$
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
29,709	Sundry Creditors	41,225		Bank of New Zealand - Current	
1,000	Special Purposes Fund	2,700	2,601	Account	3,765
30,709		43,955	41,000	Deposits at Call	--
			4,205	Interest Accrued	5,491
			13,226	Sundry Debtors	4,781
			61,032		14,037
<u>FUNDS ADMINISTERED</u>			<u>INVESTMENTS (at Cost)</u>		
16,062	New Organ Fund	17,640		Deposits	202,729
5,569	Student Library Fund	5,907		Mortgages	--
3,490	Theological College Travel Fund	3,351		Loans	5,841
39,352	Staff and Student Bursary Fund	43,599	98,360	Securitibank Ltd (in Liquidation)	21,736
--	Probert Trust Fund	1,740,878	12,200		
64,473		1,811,375	9,187		
			21,736		
			141,483		230,306
<u>TERM LIABILITIES</u>			<u>SPECIFIC INVESTMENTS (at Cost)</u>		
--	Presbyterian Church - Lay		<u>OF FUNDS ADMINISTERED</u>		
--	Training Centre (Secured)	102,000		Methodist Trust Association	
				- New Organ	10,520
<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>				Shares - New Organ Fund	
934,731	Balance at 1 July 1983	1,031,490	10,662	(Note 1)	7,120
64,449	ADD Capital Gain - Sale	--	5,400		17,640
--	of Buttle House	--	16,062		
--	ADD Grant - St Heliers Trust	251,960		Methodist Trust Association	
--	ADD A.T.I. - Grafton Road	29,690		- Library Fund	3,149
999,180		1,313,140	2,854	Shares - Library Fund	
			315	(Note 1)	358
32,310	ADD Excess Income over	476		Securitibank Ltd (In	
1,031,490	Expenditure	1,313,616	2,400	Liquidation)	2,400
			5,569		5,907
				Methodist Trust Association	
			3,490	- College Travel Fund	3,351

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts

BALANCE SHEET as at 30 JUNE 1984 - cont'd

These Accounts should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Accounts.

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
BALANCE SHEET as at 30 JUNE 1984

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS - cont'd

(B) Capital Commitment = It is the College Council's intention to re-develop its buildings for future needs at an expected cost of \$693,458
Less paid 38,450
\$655,000

- (3) These Accounts have been prepared by The Board of Administration - Division on information and instructions supplied by the Trinity Methodist Theological Council.

Chairman: J A Penman

Secretary: J R Osborn

I report that I have examined the accounts of the Methodist Theological College for the year ended 30 June 1984 and have received all the information and explanations I have required for this year. I have not audited the Financial Accounts of the Theological College prior to 1 July 1983 but have accepted the Financial Accounts for the years ended 30 June 1982 and 30 June 1983 as presented to the College Council as correct. Subject to this comment and noting the Statement of Accounting policies set out with these Accounts; the Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure Account are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Methodist Theological College, and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on this date.

W. E. Brothie

Chartered Accountant

10 Dec 1984

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METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
BALANCE SHEET as at 30 JUNE 1984 - cont'd

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost. Reliance is based on the fact that the Theological College is a going concern. Accrual accounting is used to match expenses and revenue, except for income earned on the Probert Trust Deposit which is taken into revenue upon receipt and not on an earnings basis.

PARTICULAR ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Investments	-	Investments have been valued at cost price.
Sundry Debtors	-	Debtors have been valued at expected realisable value.
Depreciation	-	No depreciation has been provided on assets owned by the College.

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on bases consistent with those of previous years.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

These notes form part of, and are to be read in conjunction with, the accompanying accounts.

- (1) (A) The Market Value of Company Shares at balance date amounted to \$25,288.
 (B) A Contingent Liability of \$1,130 on Shares being purchased.
- (2) (A) Fixed Assets - Government Valuation of properties at 1 October 1979:

	<u>Capital Value</u>	<u>Value of Improvements</u>	<u>Unimproved Value</u>
College Buildings, Grounds and Ranston House	710,000	480,000	230,000
House - 134 Grafton Road	100,000	41,000	59,000
House - 2 College Road	41,000	41,000	--
Lay Training Centre - Lintane Place (at Valuation)	308,971	178,971	130,000
	<u>1,159,971</u>	<u>740,971</u>	<u>419,000</u>

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

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AMENDMENTS TO THE YEAR BOOK AND RESOLUTIONS OF CONFERENCE

1984 - circulated 7 February 1985

- Page 4 AUCKLAND District Financial Secretary, P O Box number
should read 9885
- Page 5 NORTHLAND District Property Secretary - Mr Rigg's
phone no. should read 37-106
- Page 7 Under HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU - Lake Alice - Chaplain should
read Rev. Richard J Waugh
- Page 11 UNIT III - OTAGO-SOUTHLAND membership Kelly Hume
should read Kelly Hume
- Page 12 Under membership of the INVESTMENT BOARD AND METHODIST
TRUST ASSOCIATION add the name of W F Christian
- Page 15 Fieldworker in Ministry address should read -
St John's College, 202 St John's Road, etc.
- Page 18 Arrowsmith, David, M.A., C/- 210 Remuera Rd, Auckland 5
- Page 20 Craig, Robert M., address should read 24 Tauranga Rd,
(P O Box 211), Waihi
- Page 22 Hamlin, R John - change Parish No. to read 6060
- Page 23 ADD after George I. Laurenson -
Lawry, A Joan (Mrs), 61 White St, Invercargill (Student)
- Page 24 Leary, Gordon R. - change Parish No. to read 7110
- Page 24 McBride, Alistair J., (Part-time) 4 Cheeseman Road
Brooklyn, Wellington.
- Page 26 Pratt, G Douglas - change Parish No. to read 3100
- Page 26 Pullar, Beverley - change Parish No. to read 7030
- Page 26 Rogers, Douglas - address should read 68 Main St, Otautau
- Page 27 Taylor, A Kerry - change Parish No. to read 2410
- Page 27 Stringer, John A, delete DUNEDIN from address
- Page 28 Trebilco, Paul R - address should read - St John's College,
Durham DHI 3RJ, England
- Page 28 Waugh, Richard J, - street name should read STANFORD
- Page 29 Wiki, Shirley - change Parish No. to read 1030
- Pgs 29 & 627 delete WITHEFORD, Arthur R - (deceased 15/12/1984)
- Pgs 28 & 616 delete VOYCE, A Henry (deceased 28/12/1984)
- Pgs 30 & 615 Avondale Union - Rev. Judith F Bedford, 2166 Great North
Road, Auckland 7
- Pgs 34 & 630 Tokomairiro Co-operating 2nd.
Presbyterian Appt: Rev. A F Taylor
- Page 44 CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING - ADD under 1985 SMITH, Kenneth

- Page 33 under NELSON DISTRICT
- Nelson St Luke's Union, note correct spelling of name
and degrees - Laurence H Ennor, Mus.B., B.D., L.T.C.L.
- Page 34 8360 Geraldine - address correspondence to Parish Secretary,
P O Box 88, Geraldine NOT to Cox Street
- Page 603 UNDER QUESTION 6 - add the name of Siologa Lemalu
- Page 604 under Q.12(A) under Deacons -
P Anne Hunt should read 3330 Hillcrest Co-operating
- Page 611 under Q.22 add Tokomairiro Co-operating - Kenneth Smith
- Page 613 1080 Whangarei Uniting (2nd) Rev. W J (Bill) Tibbles,
37 Murdoch Cres, Raumanga, Whangarei (Supply for 9
months from 1st week in March)
- Page 616 under 2140 Takapuna - add Athol R Penn (Sup)
- Page 618 under 2460 Franklin West Co-operating -
add Frederick J Climo (Sup)
- Page 626 under 7020 should read -
Presbyterian Appt: Laurence H Ennor, B.Mus., B.D., L.T.C.L.

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AMENDMENT TO LAW BOOK

Inadvertantly SECTION 2-1.2 was printed
and distributed with recent amendments
and changes to the Law of the Church. This particular Clause is to
be further considered during the year and should not be included in
the amendments of the Law Book.

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CORRECTION TO WORDING OF CONFERENCE 1984 RESOLUTIONS --

Page 651 - No. 16 should read as follows:

16. Conference write to the Minister of Immigration strongly affirm-
ing the necessity for maintaining at least the present levels of
Refugee Resettlement in New Zealand, and urging fast processing
by the Immigration Department of applications from refugees for
for resettlement in New Zealand.

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CORRECTION TO CONFERENCE 1984 YEAR BOOK page 10 under heading TONGAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

after the words Superintendent of the Development Division,
Convener of the Tongan Advisory Committee

ADD: and Tongan Methodist Ministers in connexion with
the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

C O N F E R E N C E S T A F F 1 9 8 4

<i>President</i>	:	<i>Rev. E Francis I Hanson, B.A.,B.D.</i>
<i>Vice-President</i>	:	<i>Mrs Joyce K Dey</i>
<i>Ex-President</i>	:	<i>Mr Geoffrey E Hill</i>
<i>Ex-Vice-President</i>	:	<i>Rev. Albert A Grundy, M.A.</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	:	<i>Rev. Alan K Woodley, B.A.</i>
<i>Associate Secretary</i>	:	<i>Rev. Robert S Andrews</i>
<i>Assistant Secretaries</i>		
<i>Journal</i>	:	<i>Rev. Ian L Clarke, A.C.A. & Rev. Shirley V Ungemuth</i>
<i>Minute Book</i>	:	<i>Mrs Patricia M Teague & Rev. Ashley J Sedon, B.T.P., L.Th.(Hons)</i>
<i>Year Book</i>	:	<i>Rev. Timothy J Langley</i>
<i>Daily Record</i>	:	<i>Rev. Graham E Hawkey & Ms Raima Kingi</i>
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	:	<i>Rev. Barbara I Miller</i>
<i>Media Officer</i>	:	<i>Rev. Michael W Greer, L.Th.</i>
<i>Organist</i>	:	<i>Rev. John S Hosking, M.A.,Dip.Mus.</i>
<i>Convener of Scrutineers</i>	:	<i>Mr Kilifi Heimuli</i>
<i>Typists' Liaison Officer</i>	:	<i>Mrs Vin Pearcy</i>

QUESTION 1--Who are members of this Conference?

- (a) Ministerial Representatives in Full Connexion with the Conference except Presbyters recorded as not employed in another Church or Church related position not available for stationing. Ministers of other denominations who are appointed to Union and Co-operating Parishes or other Co-operative Ventures serving with the Conference and whose names are printed in the Report pages 20.
- (b) Representatives: As printed in the Reports, pages 13f together with such substitute and additional Representatives as shall be advised by the Ministerial Representative of each Synod.

QUESTION 2--What Members from other Conferences and Churches are associated with this Conference?

Those listed in the Report on page 20 together with any additions or deletions recorded in the Journal.

QUESTION 3--What Candidates are now received for training as Presbyter or Deacon?

- (a) Deacon: June L Gibson (Self-Supporting)
(Home Setting Training)
A Joan Lawry (Self-Supporting)
(Home Setting Training)
- (b) Presbyters: John Edward Bennett
Bruce A Caygill, B.Com. (Self-Supporting)
(Home Setting Training)
Philip Lyle Did-Dell
Christopher R Dombroski
Edna J Garner (For special ministry to the deaf. A Ministry Covenant is being finalised)
Gregory A Hughson
Lesley M Shekleton
Gillian M Watkin (Self-Supporting)
(Home Setting Training)
Raymond G Wicks (Self-Supporting)
(Home Setting Training)

QUESTION 4--Who are to continue as Deacon(s) or Presbyter(s) in training:

- (a) Deacons: For a Second Year?
None
- (b) Presbyters: Gary A M Clover
V Salafai Mika
- (a) Deacons: For a Third Year or further?
None
- (b) Presbyters: Mark Francis Cooper
Robyn D Goudge, B.A.
John M Grant
Susan E Paterson
Paul R Trebilco, B.Sc.(Hons) (with permission study overseas)

QUESTION 5--Who are to be stationed by the Conference as Deacon(s) or Presbyter(s) in training?

- (a) Deacon: June L Gibson (Self Supporting) (Home Setting Training)
A Joan Lawry (Self-Supporting) (Home Setting Training)
- (b) Presbyters: Stuart J Bowring
Mary E Caygill, Dip.Soc.Work
Kenneth Smith
Sione Tavake Tupou
F Anne Vaughan, B.A.
Bruce A Caygill, B.Com. (Self-Supporting)
Gillian M Watkin (Self-Supporting)
Raymond G. Wicks (Self-Supporting)

QUESTION 6--Who are now ordained Deacon(s) or Presbyter(s)?

- (a) Deacon: Margaret G Harris
Desmond A Hill
P Anne Hunt
Rachel A Tregurtha
- (b) Presbyters: Margaret E Burnett, B.Sc., Dip.App.Soc. Sc.
Audrey N Dickinson, L.Th.
William E Elderton, M.A., A.N.Z.I.A., Dip. N.Z.L.S.
Robin J G Gray
Sifa Hingano, L.Th, S.Th.
J Allan Oliver, M.Sc., L.Th.
Ashley J Sedon, B.T.P., L.Th.(Hons)

QUESTION 7--Who continue to be stationed by the Conference as Deacon(s) or Presbyter(s) in training?

- (a) Deacons: Raewyn Cubin
Margaret G Harris (Post Ordination)
B June Higham
Desmond A Hill (Post Ordination)
B Anne Ramsay
Loraine J Reid
Rachel A Tregurtha (Post Ordination)
- (b) Presbyters: Bryant S L Abbott
Glenys R Anderson (Post Ordination)
Christopher J Dyson, B.Sc., L.Th.
William E Elderton, M.A., A.N.Z.I.A., Dip.N.Z.L.S.
(Post Ordination)
Doris E Elphick (Self-Supporting) (Home Setting Training)
David Harding, B.Ag.Sc., L.Th.(Hons)
Wendie Hansen (Self-Supporting) (Home Setting Training)
Neil R Keesing, L.Th.(Melb.), S.Th.
Nomani Noa (Post Ordination)
Margaret Springett, L.Th.
Unasa Su (Post Ordination)
Richard J Waugh, L.Th.

QUESTION 8--Who is now admitted as Presbyter(s) in Full Connexion with the Conference?

Margaret E Burnett, B.Sc., Dip.App.Soc.Sc.
Audrey N Dickinson, L.Th.
William E Elderton, M.A., A.N.Z.I.A., Dip.N.Z.L.S.
Robin J G Gray
Sifa Hingano, L.Th., S.Th.
Siologa T Lemalu
J Allan Oliver, M.Sc., L.Th.
Ashley J Sedon, B.T.P., L.Th.(Hons)

QUESTION 9--Are there any objections to any Deacon, Minita-a-Iwi or Presbyter?

None

QUESTION 10--What Presbyter(s) in Full Connexion now ceases to be recognised as Presbyter(s) of the Conference?

Darrell R. Curtis as from 31/5/1984
Arnold C. Hight as from 31/5/1984
Derek V McCullum as from 2/11/1984

QUESTION 11--What Deacon(s) now ceases to be recognised as Deacon(s) of the Conference?

None

QUESTION 12(A)

- (A) What Deacons are available for Self-Supporting Ministries? (B) What appointments are authorised for Self-Supporting Ministries?

In Preparation for Ordination as a Deacon

Loraine J Reid	1080 Whangarei Uniting - St John's Raumanga
June L Gibson	2003 Ministry with Partners of Ministers
B. June Higham	3250 Te Awamutu
Raewyn Cubin	6010 Wellington Central
A Joan Lawry	9110 Invercargill

Deacons:

Fisiga Tuimaseve	2410 Manukau North
P Anne Hunt	3080 Hillcrest Co-operting
Desmond A. Hill	4080 Okato
Margaret G Harris	8190 Rangiora
Rachel A Tregurtha	8190 Rangiora

QUESTION 12(B)

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|---|--|
| (A) What Presbyters are available for Self-Supporting Ministries? | (B) What appointments are authorised for Self-Supporting Ministries? |
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In Preparation for Ordination as a Presbyter

Doris J. Elphick	1080 Whangarei Uniting-Onerahi/ Whangarei Heads
Wendie Hansen	2140 Takapuna
Raymond G Wicks	2450 Tuakau Union

Presbyters

Maynard G. Rutherford	2010 Auckland Central
Iosua L. Sefuiva	2010 Auckland Central
Falea'ana Kopelani	2040 Auckland East
Gillian M. Richards	2070 Glen Innes Co-operating
Fa'aosa Tugia	2370 Auckland-Samoan
Nomani Noa	2370 Auckland-Samoan
Glenys R. Anderson	3170 Rotorua
Gillian A. Telford	3330 Hillcrest Co-op.
J. Mervyn Dickinson	4010 New Plymouth
T. Tanielu Sa'o	5020 Hastings
Unasa Su	5040 Gisborne
Malakai Curulala	6010 Wellington Central
William E. Elderton	6020 Wellington West (Northland)
Edith J. Little	6070 Johnsonville Union
Ann M. Thomas	6140 Upper Hutt Co-op.
John D. Meredith	8310 Timaru

QUESTION 12(C)

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|--|---|
| (A) What Deacons are available for partially Self-Supporting Ministries? | (B) What appointments are authorised for partially Self-Supporting Deacons? |
| B. Anne Ramsay | 1080 Whangarei Uniting - St John's Raumanga |

QUESTION 12(D)

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|---|--|
| (A) What Presbyters are available for partially Self-Supporting Ministries? | (B) What appointments are authorised for partially Self-Supporting Presbyters? |
| Audrey N. Dickinson | 2060 Orakei |
| Ashley I Corlett | 3280 Taumarunui |
| Margaret Springett | 4050 Hawera |
| Amos W. Burrough | 5180 Milson Community Church |
| Alan R. Upson | 9040 West Harbour Union Parish |

QUESTION 13--What Deacon(s) or Presbyter(s) is designated for service through the Overseas Division with a Church or Conference overseas?

None

QUESTION 14--What Deacon(s) or Presbyterian(s) is transferred to or received from any other Conference?

None

QUESTION--15 What Presbyterian(s) formally member(s) of the Conference (a) is now exercising ministry in another Church(es) overseas, such Presbyterian(s) having the right to return to the Conference on the completion of service overseas?

Richard J. Hendry

William R.G. Loader

Robert G. Stringer

Frederick E. Waine

Leonard P. Schroeder - Botswana Council of Churches - who will serve through the Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation.

(b) What Deacon(s) formerly employed by the Conference is now employed in another Church(es) overseas, such Deacon(s) having the right to be re-engaged by the Conference on completion of such service?

Lesley H. Bowen

(c) What Presbyterian(s) is now released to exercise ministry in another Church(es) overseas with the right to return to the Conference on completion of such service?

Arthur W. Dickie

Graham H. Whaley

(d) What Deacon(s) is now released to exercise ministry in a Church(es) overseas, such Deacon(s) having the right to be re-engaged by the Conference on completion of such service?

None

(e) What Presbyterian(s) has the Conference released to exercise ministry in another Church(es) within New Zealand, such Presbyterian(s) having the right to return to the Conference on the completion of such service?

M. Jackson Campbell

Frank G. Glen

(f) What Deacon(s) has the Conference released to exercise ministry in another Church(es) within New Zealand, such Deacon(s) having the right to be re-engaged on completion of such service?

None

(g) What Presbyterian(s) is now released to exercise ministry in another Church(es) within New Zealand, such Presbyterian(s) having the right to return to the Conference on completion of such service?

None

(h) What Deacon(s) is now released to exercise ministry in another Church(es) within New Zealand, such Deacon(s) having the right to be re-engaged by Conference on completion of such service?

None

- (i) What Presbyterian(s) has been received from another Church(es) to serve under the Conference, such Presbyterian(s) having the right to return to such Church(es) on the completion of such service?
- Ioane A Afoa
Seilala Mapusua
Elia Samusamuvodre
- Malakai Curulala
Taniela T. Moala
- (j) What Deacons(s) has been received from another Church(es) to serve under the Conference, such Deacon(s) having the right to return to such Church(es) on the completion of such service?
- None
- (k) What Presbyterian(s) is now received from another Church(es) to serve under the Conference, such Presbyterian(s) having the right to return to such Church(es) on the completion of such service?
- Manase Tafea - (part-time, supply to Tongan Fellowship North Canterbury)
- (l) What Deacon(s) is now received from another Church(es) to serve under the Conference, such Deacon(s) having the right to return to such Church(es) on the completion of such service?
- None
- (m) What Deacon(s) is reinstated into the Diaconate?
- None
- (n) For what Deacon(s) or Presbyterian(s) is no appointment available?

QUESTION 16--What Deacon(s) and Presbyterian(s), (employed in another Church or Church related position(s), are not available for Stationing this year?

- (a) None
- (b) Edward P. Boyd, N.C.C. Senior Prison Chaplain
Lewis A. Bowen, Chaplain, Kimberley Hospital, Levin
Loyal J. Gibson, Director Education Centre (Auckland)
Peter E. Glensor, N.C.C. Regional Secretary, Wellington
Ernest Heppelthwaite, Ecumenical Chaplain, Templeton Hospital
Roger J.E. Hey, Presbyterian/Methodist Chaplain, Oakley-Carrington Psychiatric Hospitals
Basil J. Hilder, Ecumenical Chaplain, Gisborne Hospital
C. Seton Horrill, Director, I.T.I.M., Canterbury
John C.F. Mabon, Director, I.T.I.M., Wellington
Bruce E. Mackie, Director, Life-Line, Auckland.

John I Manihera, Chaplain to the Forces, Burnham.
 G. Douglas Pratt, Chaplain Waikato University
 Donald F. Prince, N.C.C. Prison Chaplain
 Robert D. Short, Chaplain to the Forces
 Brian H. Turner, Director, Christian World Service, N.C.C.

QUESTION 17--What Deacon(s) and Presbyter(s), (not employed in another Church or Church related position(s)), are not available for Stationing this year?

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|-----|-------------------|----------------------|
| (a) | Shirley Wiki | Edna E Webster |
| (b) | David R. Alley | C Russell Marshall |
| | Ian E M Anderson | Harold C Pomeroy |
| | Enid J Bennett | Lawrence E Salter |
| | William A Chessum | A Kerry Taylor |
| | John B Currie | Tuuau Tiatia |
| | Laurence H Currie | Robert Te Whare |
| | Ronald W Ferguson | Napi T Waaka |
| | R John Hamlin | W J Douglas Wakeling |
| | C Brice Herbert | Alan C Webster |
| | Colin G Jamieson | |

QUESTION 18--What Deacon(s) and Presbyter(s) retire at this Conference?

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|-----|------------------|---------------------|
| (a) | None | |
| (b) | Colin D. Clark | Peter A. Stead |
| | Wilfred F. Ford | Lane M. Tauroa |
| | R. Leslie George | Alexander C. Watson |
| | Derek G. Laws | Robert W. Widdup |

QUESTION 19--What Deacons, Home Missionaries and Presbyters continue in retirement?

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| (a) | Deacons (Deaconesses) | |
| | Grace M. Clement | Dorothy Pointon |
| | Atawhai George | Constance Sage |
| | Airini Hobbs | Rita F. Snowden |
| | Madelaine Holland | Heeni Wharemaru |
| | Lucy H. Money | Betty Yearbury |
| (b) | Home Missionaries | |
| | Roy Coombridge | H.R. Wright |
| (c) | Presbyters | |
| | William K. Abbott | Clifford J Keightley |
| | Robert H. Allen | William R. Laws |
| | Stanley G. Andrews | E. Clarence Leadley |
| | David Armstrong | Gordon A. Leary |
| | A. Francis Attwood | E. Raymond Le Couteur |
| | Edward Baker | John J. Lewis |
| | Charles H. Bell | Campbell P. Lucas |
| | R. Graham Bell | A. Alexander McDowell |

T. Ralph Benny
 F. Gardner Brown
 Harold K. Brown
 Leslie F. Bycroft
 W.E. Allon Carr
 George G. Carter
 Wesley A. Chambers
 Owen L. Christian
 R. Frederick Clement
 Leslie C. Clements
 Frederick J. Climo
 Herbert A. Cochrane
 James H. Conway
 Gordon A.R. Cornwell
 Hughan M. Craig
 George A. Cramond
 Harold A. Darvill
 John B. Dawson
 W. Selwyn Dawson
 Reginald Day
 Haddon C. Dixon
 Clifford L. Duder
 Wilfred G. Eisner
 Wilfred E. Falkingham
 William R. Francis
 George H. Goodman
 Stanley R. Goudge
 Ian D. Grant
 William W. H. Greenslade
 Reginald Grice
 Charlie O. Hailwood
 Allen H. Hall
 John R. Hall
 Alan J. Handyside
 George C. Hopkins
 H. Ian K. Hopper
 Leonard C. Horwood
 William C. Jenkin
 Andrew J. Johnston
 Alan O. Jones

Archibald W. McKay
 Edward M. Marshall
 Howard C. Matthews
 William J. Morrison
 Harry Moore
 Dorothea M. Noble
 Leslie T. Norwell
 A. Roger G. Nuttall
 Charles B. Oldfield
 Norman W. Olds
 O. McLennan Olds
 Francis H. Parker
 Gordon Parker
 J. Wesley Parker
 Walter Parker
 Ralph E. Patchett
 Athol R. Penn
 Frederick D. Peterson
 Gordon R. H. Peterson
 Andrew G. Reid
 Idris J. Ruck
 Leonard Shapcott
 Trevor Shepherd
 Donald G. Sherson
 John Silvester
 Sydney J. Spindler
 Gordon V. Thomas
 John H. Thompson
 Neville Thornicroft
 Robert Thornley
 David L. Trebilco
 A. Henry Voyce
 David O. Williams
 Leonard V. Willing
 Arthur O. Witheford
 Frank H. Woodfield
 J. Henry Woolford

QUESTION 20--What Deacons, Home Missionaries, Minita-a-Iwi and Presbyters have died since last Conference?

- (a) Deacons
- (b) Home Missionary and Minita-a-Iwi
Te Orahi Tamati O Raukawa Pumipi Tonga

(c)

Presbyters

John D. Grocott
Eric W. Hames
Herehere M. Maaka

Brian L. Olsen
George R. Thompson
J.C. Aldwyn Williams

Malo Tiapu'e (Presbyter-in-training)

QUESTION 21--What Lay Persons who have given leadership in the Conference have died since last Conference?

Maxwell H. Burn
Harry H. Fow

John Keightley
George Whitlam

QUESTION 22

(A) Are there any congregations where through unavailability of Presbyters, the Sacraments are not being provided?

The Vice-President
Tai Tokerau

Tamaki

Manukau

Waikato

Rohe Potae

Taranaki

Paparoa

South Bay of Islands

Manukau North

Mahurangi

Mt Albert

Tuakau

Western Bay of Plenty

Lepperton

Hawera

Ohura

Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe

Wellington South

Lower Hutt-Petone

Blenheim

(B) Who are now given special authority to administer the Sacraments during the ensuing year?

Joyce K Dey
C Cassidy
Hemara Hemara
Para Livingstone
Mack Morunga
Winiata Morunga
Robert Taka
Waha Wiki
Marunui Toki
P Tawhai
Tahuhu Heremaia
Huia Martin
Rau Raunatiri
Charlie Fenwick
Henare Gray
Mary Te Whare
Phillip Te Uira
Hoani Heremaia
Rodney Metcalfe
George Barke
Sione Tavake Tupou
Christopher J. Dyson
Mary E Caygill
Raymond G Wicks
Neil R Keesing
Alan K Surrey
Margaret Springett
James L Woodhouse
May Mossman
Richard J Waugh
Alison Beeston
Graham E Brown
S Postlewaight
F Anne Vaughan
David Harding

Christchurch (Spreydon)
Christchurch East
Christchurch Riccarton
Rakaia
Oamaru

Otautau Union
Tongan Fellowship Wellington

Bruce A Caygill
E John Overton
Bryant S L Abbott
John F. Fruin
Cyril Stevens
Robert R White
Stuart J. Bowring
Siosifa Lātū
Samuela Taufa

QUESTION 23(A)--Does the Conference sanction the amalgamation or division of any District, Parish, or does it originate any proposal having reference thereto?

1. AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Auckland Central Parish and Mission:

(a) That Conference approve the amalgamation of the Auckland Central Parish and the Auckland Central Mission Parish. The Parish to be known as: "The Auckland Central Parish and Mission".

(b) Auckland Central Parish and Mission:

That the staffing be seven Presbyters (including two Self-Supporting Presbyters).

2.(a) Conference approves the dissolution of the Flaxmere Co-operating Parish (Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian) from 31 January 1985.

(b) That the area of the Flaxmere Co-operating Parish be included within the boundaries of the Hastings Methodist Parish from 31 January 1985.

QUESTION 23(B)--What other Agreements affecting Parishes and/or Use of buildings are approved by Conference?

1. COVENANT AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CO-OPERATING PARISH IN WELCOME BAY, TAURANGA

(a) Conference approves in principle the entering into of a Covenant Agreement involving Holy Trinity Anglican Parish, Tauranga, the Western Bay of Plenty Methodist Parish and St Enoch's Presbyterian Parish, Tauranga with the intention of developing a Co-operating Parish in Welcome Bay.

(b) That final approval of the Covenant Agreement be given by the President on the recommendation of the Waikato-Bay of Plenty Synod and the Development Division.

2. COVENANT AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CO-OPERATIVE MINISTRY AT PAPAMOA, BAY OF PLENTY

(a) Conference approves in principle the entering into of a Covenant Agreement involving the Te Puke Parochial District, the Te Puke Methodist Parish and the Te Puke Presbyterian Parish, with the intention of developing a Co-operative Ministry at Papamoa.

(b) That final approval of the Covenant Agreement be given by the President on the recommendation of the Waikato-Bay of Plenty Synod and the Development Division.

3. AGREEMENT FOR FUTURE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE KAWERAU METHODIST PARISH AND THE KAWERAU PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

(a) Conference approves in principle the entering into of an Agreement for future relationships between the Kawerau Methodist Parish and

the Kawerau Presbyterian Parish.

- (b) That final approval of the Agreement be given by the President on the recommendation of the Waikato-Bay of Plenty Synod and the Development Division.

QUESTION 24--To what Parishes are additional Deacons or Presbyters appointed?

1. NORTHLAND DISTRICT
TAI TOKERAU

The Staffing be two Ordained Presbyters.

QUESTION 25--From what Parishes are Deacons, Minita-a-Iwi and Presbyters withdrawn?

Flaxmere
Porirua

QUESTION 26--How are the Presbyters, Presbyters in training, Deacons in training, and Minita-a-Iwi stationed for the ensuing year?

LIST OF STATIONS
of the
METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

President----E Francis I Hanson, B.A., B.D
Vice-President----Joyce K Dey
Secretary----Alan K. Woodley, B.A.

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PRESBYTERS, DEACONS AND
MINITA-A-IWI 1985

Unless otherwise determined by the Conference a Parish comprises one or more congregations situated in an area as from time to time determined by the Conference. A congregation not within a Methodist Parish may be in direct relationship with a Synod and/or the District Superintendent or nominee. A Parish shall not include for purposes of administration any Connexional Division, Incorporated Board or Trust directly responsible to the Conference or any Central Mission unless otherwise determined by the Conference.

The Presbyterian first named is the Superintendent, except in the case of a Presbyterian in training, in which instance the Superintendent of the District is Superintendent. The Superintendent and/or other Presbyterian or Presbyters stationed in or appointed to the several Parishes or Missions is or are appointed by the Conference to preach and perform all acts of religious worship and the Methodist discipline in each and every one of the Methodist Churches already erected, or to be erected, in each Parish respectively during the Connexional year, at such time or times, and in

such manner as to him/her or them shall be deemed proper, subject nevertheless to the Superintendent and to the existing Laws and Regulations of the Conference.

1000 NORTHLAND DISTRICT

1010 MANGONUI COUNTY UNION PARISH

Presbyterian appt: Norman Wilkins

1020 KAIKOHE UNION PARISH

Colin A Milner

1030 SOUTH BAY OF ISLANDS CO-OPERATING PARISH

Presbyterian appt: Bruce M Patterson, B.A.

Shirley Wiki: Deacon See Q.17a

1040 KAEO-KERIKERI UNION PARISH

I W Les Ferguson, L.Th.

1050 NORTH HOKIANGA COMMUNITY CHURCH

Anglican-Methodist Supervision

1060 SOUTH HOKIANGA CO-OPERATING PARISH

Anglican appt: Toro Ihaka

1070 HIKURANGI UNION PARISH

Presbyterian appt: Frank Boggs

1080 WHANGAREI UNITING CHURCH

Kenneth H Russell (St John's-Raumanga)

One Wanted Supply

Ronald W Ferguson See Q.17b

B Anne Ramsay (Self-Supporting Deacon in training)

Loraine J Reid (Self-Supporting Deacon in training)

Presbyterian Appointments:

J Grahame Drummond (St Andrew's-Trinity)

Alan C Bycroft (St Andrew's-Trinity)

Edward W Body (St Paul's, Kamo)

One Wanted: (St James, Onerahi)

1090 DARGAVILLE

G Basil W Bell

C Brice Herbert See Q.17b

1100 RUAWAI CO-OPERATING PARISH

Anglican appt: Kevin Gwynne

1110 PAPAROA

Frank S Rigg

1120 WELLSFORD CO-OPERATING PARISH

Ronald C Collingwood

Clifford L Duder (Sup)

1510 TAI TOKERAU

Te Wairoa

Samson N Toia, J.P. (Tumuaki Rohe)

Alan S Pickering: Minita-a-Iwi

Hokianga	Mack Morunga: Minita-a-Iwi Tohu Cassidy: Minita-a-Iwi Rameka J Cope: Minita-a-Iwi Matiu Rakena: Minita-a-Iwi Timaru Rogers: Minita-a-Iwi Tahuhu Heremaia: Minita-a-Iwi
Peowhairangi	Para Livingstone: Minita-a-Iwi Waha Wiki: Minita-a-Iwi
Whangarei	Hana P Hauraki Winiata Morunga: Minita-a-Iwi Robert Taka: Minita-a-Iwi Hemara Hemara: Minita-a-Iwi
Kaeo-Whangaroa	Te Uru Heta: Minita-a-Iwi

KENNETH H. RUSSELL (District Superintendent)

2000 AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Harold C Pomeroy, B.A., B.D., A.C.A., C.M.A., A.C.I.S. See Q.17b

2002 AUCKLAND HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

Roy M Alexander

2004 MINISTRY TO THE DEAF

Edna J Garner

2007 MINISTRY WITH PARTNERS OF MINISTERS

June L Gibson (Self-Supporting Deacon in training)

2500 MAORI DIVISION

Ruawai D Rakena, B.A. (Tumuaki)

2600 DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Norman E Brookes, M.A.

Siauala T Amituana'i, B.A., B.D.

2700 COUNCIL FOR MISSION & ECUMENICAL CO-OPERATION

Alan J Leadley B.D., M.A. (See also 3700)

2800 EDUCATION DIVISION

John B Salmon, M.A., Th.M.(Princeton), Ph.D., L.Th., A.C.A., A.C.I.S.,

- Director Planning and Training

2820 THE COLLEGE OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Methodist Staff:

B Keith Rowe, B.A., B.D., S.T.M. (Union N.Y.), Ranston Lecturer
in Ministry, Education Homiletics; Principal

Wesley-Lecturer in Systematic Theology Supply: Eric Ryan, M.A., Ph.D.
(Catholic University U.S.A.)

David S Mullan, M.A., Dip.Ed. Field Worker in Ministry.

Loyal J Gibson: Director Education Centre

2010 AUCKLAND CENTRAL PARISH AND MISSION

John A Penman, B.A.

D Bruce Gordon, M.A.

Graham Brazendale, M.A.

- P Joan Wedding
 Brian J Malcouronne, B.A. Minister for Aged Care
 Iosua L Sefuiva (Self-Supporting Presbyter) See Q12(A)(b)
 Maynard Rutherford (Self-Supporting Presbyter) See Q.12(A)(b)
 B Keith Rowe, B.A., B.D., S.T.M. (Union N.Y.) (College of St John)
 Allen H Hall, M.A., Dip.Tchg, (NZ) M.A., Ph.D. (Qld), Dip.Theol., ATCL.,
 (Sup)
 Walter Parker (Sup)
- 2030 BALMORAL-ROSKILL
 Edmund D Grounds
 Brian N France
 Lynfield: Anglican appt: John Wilson
 W E Allon Carr (Sup)
- 2040 AUCKLAND EAST
 Ian H McKenzie, M.Sc., B.D. (Epsom)
 William Morrison (Onehunga)
 Falea'ana Kopelani (Self-Supporting Presbyter) See Q.12(A)(b)
 Elia Samusamuvodre See Q.15(i)
 George I Laurensen, C.B.E., Fellow of Wesley College, (Sup)
- 2060 ORAKEI
 Percy P Rushton, B.A., B.D.
 Audrey N Dickinson, L.Th. See Q.12(D)
 David S Mullan, M.A., Dip.Ed. (College of St. John)
 Loyal J Gibson (Director Education Centre)
 Norman E Brookes, M.A. (2nd Class Hons) (Development Division)
 Roy M Alexander, Hospital Chaplain
 Roger J E Hey See Q.16b
 J Wesley Parker, M.A., B.D. (Sup)
 Peter A Stead, B.A. (Sup)
- 2070 GLEN INNES CO-OPERATING PARISH
 Gillian M Richards, (Self-Supporting Presbyter) See Q.12(A)(b)
 W Selwyn Dawson (Sup.)
- 2080 MT ALBERT
 Mary E Caygill, Dip Soc Work (who shall be supervised by
 G Brazendale M.A.)
 Ruawai D. Rakena, B.A. (Maori Division - Tumuaki)
 Leonard C. Horwood (Sup)
 David O Williams, O.B.E., M.A., Litt.D., Fellow of Trinity
 College (Sup.)
 Stanley R Goudge, B.A. (Sup)
 Gordon A R Cornwell, (Sup)
- 2090 AVONDALE UNION PARISH
 Presbyterian appt:
 Presbyterian appt: Leao T Si'itia, L.Th.
- 2100 HENDERSON
 Henry W Kitchingman
 Owen T Woodfield, B.A.
- 2120 TE ATATU UNION PARISH
 Irwin J Fowler (Who shall supervise the Waterview Parish)

- 2130 DEVONPORT
 Ian C Norwell
 Bruce E Mackie See Q.16b
- 2140 TAKAPUNA
 Mervyn L Dine
 A Henry Voyce (Sup)
 E Clarence Leadley (Sup)
 Harry Moore (Sup)
 Leslie C Clements (Sup)
 John J Lewis, M.A., B.D. (Melb.), Ph.D. (Lond.) Fellow of Trinity
 College (Sup)
- 2150 BIRKENHEAD
 John H Osborne, M.A.
 Donald G Sherson B.A. (Sup)
- 2160 GLENFIELD-ALBANY CO-OPERATING PARISH
 One Wanted
 Anglican appts: Peter Beck, M.A. (Oxon) C.Th.
 Susan Adams (Self-Supporting)
 John B Salmon, M.A., Th.M. (Princeton), Ph.D., L.Th., A.C.A., A.C.I.S.
 (Education Division)
- 2170 BIRKDALE-BEACHHAVEN UNION PARISH
 Patricia M Jacobson, B.A., L.Th.
- 2180 NORTHCOTE
 I Marie Greenwood, B.Theol., P.G.Dip.(Theol)
 J Henry Woolford, M.A. (Sup)
- 2270 SOUTH KAIPARA CO-OPERATING PARISH
 Anglican appt: Anthony W Sutton, LL.B., B.Th.
 Anglican appts: Richard Coles (Self-Supporting Priest)
 A Peter Nunn (Self-Supporting Deacon)
- 2280 WHANGAPARAOA
 David J Bush, B.Sc. (who shall supervise the Mahurangi Parish)
 Frederick D Peterson (Sup)
 Edward M Marshall, B.A., Dip.Ed. (Sup)
 William R Francis, B.A., B.D. (Lond.) (Sup)
 F Gardner Brown (Sup)
 David Armstrong (Sup)
 Norman W Olds (Sup)
 Robert W Widdup (Sup)
- 2290 MAHURANGI
 Christopher J Dyson, B.Sc., L.Th. (who shall be supervised by
 David J Bush)
 Lane M Tauroa, B.A. (Sup)
 Neville Thorncroft (Sup)
- 2300 ST AUSTELL'S CO-OPERATING PARISH - New Lynn
 Hendrik Gerritsen, B.A., B.D.
- 2310 WATERVIEW
 Supply: See 2120

2320 EAST COAST BAYS

Anthony D Stroobant, C.Eng., M.I.E.R.E., N.Z.C.
William J Morrison, M.A. (Sup)
Charles B Oldfield (Sup)
Derek G Laws, F.C.A., A.C.J.S. (Sup)

2340 AUCKLAND-MANUKAU TONGAN PARISH

Taniela T Moala, L.Th., Dip.R.E. See Q.15(i)

2370 AUCKLAND-SAMOAN PARISH

Ioane A Afoa, L.Th., M.Div., D.Min. See Q.15(i)
Fa'aosa Tugia (Self-Supporting Presbyter) See Q.12(A)(b)
Nomani Noa (Self-Supporting Presbyter) See Q.12(A)(b)

2510 TAMAKI

Runga	Barbara I Miller (Rohe Co-ordinator) Harold A Darvill (Sup)
Waenganui	Te Marunui Toki: Minita-a-Iwi Wiki Popata: Minita-a-Iwi Huia Martin: Minita-a-Iwi Raka Hunapo: Minita-a-Iwi
Raro	Wikitoria Anderson: Minita-a-Iwi Piriniha Tawhai: Minita-a-Iwi Rau Raunatiri: Minita-a-Iwi

D. BRUCE GORDON, M.A. (District Superintendent)

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENTS--

MERVYN L. DINE (North Shore)
HENRY W. KITCHINGMAN (West Auckland)
GRAHAM BRAZENDALE, M.A. (Central Auckland)

2400 MANUKAU DISTRICT

Ian E M Anderson See Q.17b

2410 MANUKAU NORTH

George L Bennett
S Tavake Tupou (Otahuhu) (who shall be supervised by G G Carter)
W Geoffrey Tucker (Mangere)
Warwick Gust, B.A., B.D. (Melb.)
Siologa T Lemalu
Fisiga Tuimaseve (Self-Supporting Deacon) See Q.12(A)(A)
A Kerry Taylor, B.A., Dip.Ed., See Q.17b
Stanley G Andrews, M.A., Dip.Ed., (Sup)
John Silvester, M.A. (Sup)
R Frederick Clement, Q.S.O., M.A. (Sup)
George G Carter, M.A., Dip.Ed. (Sup)

2420 MANUREWA

Edwin B Clarke, M.A., B.D. (hons.) (Melb.) - Shared Ministry
Lois R H Clarke, B.A., L.T.C.L. - Shared Ministry

- 2430 PAPA KURA
Philip F Taylor
R Graham Bell, M.A., B.D. Theol.M. (Sup)
- 2440 PUKEKOHE
J Cedric Hay
Graham A Kane (Chaplain - Wesley College)
William A Chessum, Mus. B. See. Q.17b
Edward Baker (Sup)
- 2450 TUAKAU UNION PARISH
Raymond G Wicks (Self-Supporting Presbyter in training)
- 2460 FRANKLIN WEST CO-OPERATING
Maxwell L Bruce, B.Comm., A.C.A.
- 2470 BUCKLANDS BEACH CO-OPERATING
Anglican appt: Max Scott
- 2340 AUCKLAND-MANUKAU TONGAN PARISH (see Auckland District)
- 2510 TAMAKI (See Auckland District)
- GEORGE L. BENNETT (District Superintendent)

3000 WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT

- Lawrence E Salter See Q.17b
- 3000 HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN:
- 3700 COUNCIL FOR MISSION AND ECUMENICAL CO-OPERATION
Alan J Leadley, B.D., M.A. (See also 2700)
- 3010 THAMES UNION PARISH
Dougal H C Bruce, L.Th.
Reginald Day (Sup)
- 3020 HAURAKI PLAINS CO-OPERATING PARISH
Anglican appt: B H Flower
- 3030 PAEROA
Robert M Craig (Supply) (shared with Waihi Parish, with
pastoral oversight of Coromandel)
- 3040 WAIHI
Robert M Craig (Supply) (shared ministry with Paeroa Parish)
A Francis Attwood (Sup)
John R Hall (Sup)
- 3050 TE AROHA CO-OPERATING PARISH
Jack Wright
- 3060 MORRINSVILLE
Trevor L Bennett

- 3070 CAMBRIDGE UNION PARISH
 Harry I Shaw
 Reginald Grice (Sup)
 Leslie T Norwell (Sup)
 Leonard Shapcott (Sup)
- 3080 HAMILTON
 H Mary Astley
 Restel A Burton (Part-time)
 Sifa Hingano, L.Th., S.Th.
 Alan J Leadley, B.D., M.A. (Joint Secretary - C.M.E.C.)
 A Roger G Nuttall, B.A. (Sup)
 Charlie O Hailwood (Sup)
 Wilf G Eisner, B.A. (Sup)
 Wilfred F Ford, C.M.G., B.A. (Sup) Supply: Shared ministry
- 3090 RAGLAN UNION PARISH
 Presbyterian appt: J Donald Cullingford
- 3100 HAMILTON EAST
 Stanley J Barnes, B.A. (Rhodes)
 G Douglas Pratt, M.A., B.D., L.Th., A.S.B., Ph.D. (St And) See Q.16b
 Idris J Ruck (Sup)
- 3110 CHARTWELL CO-OPERATING PARISH
 David H Ansell
 Edna E Webster (Self-Supporting Deacon) See Q.17a
 Anglican appt:
- 3120 NGARUAWAHIA UNION PARISH
 Presbyterian appt: D A Botting
- 3130 HUNTLY CO-OPERATING PARISH
 Presbyterian appt: Neil W Johnson
- 3140 MATAMATA UNION PARISH
 Church of Christ appt: Roger G Russ
 Campbell P Lucas, L.Th. (Sup)
- 3150 PUTARURU CO-OPERATING PARISH
 Anglican appt: Bernard M Faull
- 3160 TOKOROA
 One Wanted See 3170
- 3170 ROTORUA
 Ivan J Lucas
 Glenys R Anderson (Self-Supporting Presbyter) See Q.12(A)(b)
 Robert Thornley, M.A., Dip.Soc.Sc. (Sup)
 John B Dawson, B.A. (Sup)
- 3180 TAUPO UNION PARISH
 Presbyterian appt: E Johnston
- 3190 WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY
 Brian W Sides
 Neil R Keesing, L.Th.(Melb.), L.Th.
 Wesley A Chambers, M.A. (Sup) Omokoroa Supply ministry

- Hughan M Craig (Sup)
 O McLennan Olds (Sup)
 Samuel J Crawford (ASC)
 Charles H Bell, B.A. (Sup)
 Trevor Shepherd (Sup)
 James H Conway (Sup)
- 3200 ST JAMES UNION PARISH, GREERTON
 Stuart G Slinn
- 3210 TE PUKE
 Wilfred S Gilbert
 Ian D Grant (Sup)
 Leslie F Bycroft (Sup)
 David L Trebilco (Sup)
- 3220 WHAKATANE CO-OPERATING PARISH
 One Wanted:
 Anglican appt: Geoff Crawshaw
- 3230 KAWERAU
- 3240 OPOTIKI UNION PARISH
 Presbyterian appt: W John MacDonald, B.Theol.
- 3250 TE AWAMUTU
 Barry W Neal, M.A., C.F., Dip.Ed.
 Francis H Parker (Sup)
- 3260 OTOROHANGA
 J Allan Oliver, M.Sc., L.Th.,
- 3270 TE KUITI
 See 3260
- 3280 TAUMARUNUI
 Ashley I Corlett, L.Th. (Self-Supporting Presbyter) See Q.12(D)
- 3290 TURANGI CO-OPERATING PARISH
 Presbyterian appt: One Wanted
 R Leslie George (Sup)
- 3300 OHURA
 One Wanted
- 3310 KAWHIA
 Ministry exercised through the Rohe Potae Parish.
- 3320 COROMANDEL
 See 3040
 Gordon Parker (Sup)
- 3330 HILLCREST CO-OPERATING PARISH
 Gillian A Telford, M.A.N.D. (Self-Supporting) See Q.12(B)
 Presbyterian appt: Donald Glenny B.A.
 Anglican appt:
 P Anne Hunt (Self-Supporting Deacon) See Q12(A)

3340 PIO PIO-ARIA MOKAU CO-OPERATING PARISH

Presbyterian appt: Warwick J Hambleton, B.E.

3510 WAIKATO

Moke A G Couch, B.A. (Tumuaki Rohe)

Diana A Tana

Te Napi Waaka, O.B.E. See Q.17b

Waaka Kukutai: Minita-a-Iwi

Alan Mahara: Minita-a-Iwi

Henare Gray: Minita-a-Iwi

Paddy Searancke: Minita-a-Iwi

Wiremu Te Hiko: Minita-a-Iwi

Pukerau Rangitutia: Minita-a-Iwi

Charlie B. Fenwick: Minita-a-Iwi

Grahame Hinkley, Dr.: Minita-a-Iwi

Jim Heemi Rauwhero: Minita-a-Iwi

Hemi Dick Morgan: Minita-a-Iwi

Heke Jim Eketone: Minita-a-Iwi

3520 ROHE POTAE

Morehu Te Whare (Tumuaki Rohe)

Stanley R. Gilmore: Minita-a-Iwi

Charlie Turner: Minita-a-Iwi

Phillip Te Uira: Minita-a-Iwi

IVAN J. CLUCAS (District Superintendent)

MOREHU TE WHARE (Deputy Superintendent-Waikato)

4000 TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT

4010 NEW PLYMOUTH

Stanley J West *

Russell G Rigby, B.A.(Hons.) *

*Team Ministry

Bruno W Egli Bellblock Shared Ministry

J Mervyn Dickinson, B.A., B.D., Ph.D. (Self-Supporting Presbyterian)

See Q.12A(b)

Sydney J Spindler (Sup)

4020 WAITARA

Paul H Grant, B.Man.Studies

4030 STRATFORD

Jeffrey W Sanders, L.Th.

William K Abbott (Sup)

4040 ELTHAM-KAPONGA CO-OPERATING PARISH

Presbyterian Appt: D.W. Earp

4050 HAWERA

Margaret Springett, L.Th. (part-time) See Q.12(D) (who shall be supervised by Russell G Rigby)

4060 MANAIA UNION PARISH

Presbyterian appt: J Peill

- 4070 OPUNAKE CO-OPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian appt: Ian Millar
- 4080 OKATO CO-OPERATING PARISH
Anglican appt: Stephen Carney
Desmond A Hill (Self-Supporting Deacon) See Q12(A)
- 4090 WANGANUI
(With pastoral oversight of Taihape, Ohakune and Raetihi)
Norman J Goreham, B.A.(B'ham),B.D.(Lond.) * *Team Ministry
David C Pratt *
C Russell Marshall See Q.17b
Alan O Jones (Sup)
- 4110 INGLEWOOD UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt: Ray W Morris
- 4510 TARANAKI-WAIMARINO
North Henare H Pate (Tumuaki Rohe)
Ruanui North Leonard V Willing (Sup)
Ruanui South Hoani Heremaia: Minita-a-Iwi
Ngaonepu Kahu: Minita-a-Iwi

STANLEY J WEST (District Superintendent)

5000 HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT

- 5010 NAPIER
David G Stubbs
Niven G Ball
Howard C Matthews, B.A. (Sup)
- 5020 HASTINGS
Edgar R Hornblow, LL.B.
Keith C Griffith
T Tanielu Sa'o (Self-Supporting Presbyterian) See Q.12(B)
John B Currie, B.A. See Q.17b
- 5040 GISBORNE
Bruce Scammell
Unasa Su (Self-Supporting Presbyterian) See Q.12(B)
Basil J Hilder See Q.16b
- 5050 MANGAPAPA UNION PARISH
Presbyterian Appt:
- 5060 PRESBYTERIAN-METHODIST PARISH OF WAIROA
Noel D' Billinghamurst
Presbyterian appt:
- 5070 DANNEVIRKE-NORSEWOOD
Stuart J Bowring (who shall be supervised by Robert A Ferguson B.A.)
- 5080 WOODVILLE UNION PARISH
Ludwig Felderhof
William C Jenkin (Sup.)

- 5090 PAHIATUA UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt: B Hellyer
- 5100 PALMERSTON NORTH
John S Hosking, M.A., Dip. Mus. * *Team Ministry
Robert A Ferguson, B.A. *
Enid J Bennett, M.A., B.D. See Q.17b
Alan C Webster, M.A., M.Div., Ed.D., Ph.D. See Q.17b
Robert D Short See Q.16b
George C. Hopkins (Sup)
- 5110 ASHHURST-BUNNYTHORPE
Richard J. Waugh, L.Th. * * Who will jointly exercise
(who shall be supervised by Ministry in Ashhurst-Bunny-
Alan Newman thorpe, Feilding-Oroua and
Marton Parishes
- 5120 FEILDING-OROUA
Alan Newman
- 5130 MARTON
*
- 5140 RONGOTEA-SANSON CO-OPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian appt: Itione Faaue-Eli
- 5150 FOXTON UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt: Peter N Davies
- 5160 TAMATEA COMMUNITY CHURCH
Presbyterian appt: (part-time)
- 5170 WAIPAWA CO-OPERATING PARISH
Presbyterian appt: H J Phillips
- 5180 MILSON COMMUNITY CHURCH
Amos W Burrough Supply: (Part-time) See Q.12(D)
BRUCE SCAMMELL (District Superintendent)

6000 WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Laurence H Currie See Q.17b

- 6700 COUNCIL FOR MISSION & ECUMENICAL CO-OPERATION
James A Veitch, B.A., B.D., M.Th., Ph.D (B'ham)

- 6800 EDUCATION DIVISION
E Francis I Hanson, B.A., B.D. (Executive Director)

- 6010 WELLINGTON CENTRAL
Keith J Taylor, B.A.
Seilala Mapusua See Q.15(i)
Malakai Curulala (Self-Supporting Presbyter) See Q.15(i)
Presbyterian appt: Alistair J McBride (part-time Brooklyn)
Tuau Tiatia (Self-Supporting Presbyter) See Q.17b
Raewyn Cubin (Self-Supporting Deacon in training)
William W H Greenslade, M.B.E. (Sup)

- 6020 WELLINGTON WEST
 Gavin B Sharp, B.Sc
 William E Elderton, M.A., A.N.Z.I.A., Dip.N.Z.L.S. (Self-Supporting)
 See Q.12(B)
 Gordon R H Peterson (Sup)
- 6030 WELLINGTON SOUTH-LYALL BAY UNION
 Brian R J Eagle
- 6050 MIRAMAR CO-OPERATING PARISH
 K Desmond Cooper
- 6060 NGAIO UNION PARISH
 Derek V McNicol
 R John Hamlin See Q.17b
- 6070 JOHNSONVILLE UNION PARISH
 Presbyterian appt:
 Edith J Little, J.P. (Self-Supporting Presbyter) See Q.12(B)
- 6080 NEWLANDS UNION PARISH
 Presbyterian appt: Lindsay S Day
- 6100 PLIMMERTON-PAEKAKARIKI
 One Wanted (Part time Supply)
 Gordon V Thomas, B.A. (Sup)
 George H Goodman (Sup)
 Colin D Clark, M.A. (Sup)
- 6110 TAWA UNION PARISH
 Michael W Greer, L.Th.
 Presbyterian appt: Eric S Mattock, B.Theol.
 Edward P Boyd (See Q.16b)
 Porirua Hospital Chaplain: Ian Bayliss
- 6120 LOWER HUTT-PETONE
 Barry E Jones, B.A. (Laings Rd)
 Aso T Samoa Saleupolu, Dip.Trop.Agr., L.Th.
 Margaret E Burnett B.Sc., Dip.App.Soc.S.,
 F Anne Vaughan, B.A. (Stokes Valley) (who shall be supervised by
 Barry E Jones, B.A.)
 E Francis I Hanson, B.A., B.D. (Education Division)
 Dorothea M Noble, B.A. (Sup)
 Haddon C Dixon, O.B.E., M.A., B.D. (Sup)
 John C F Mabon See Q.16b
 Peter E Glensor, B.A. See Q.16b
- 6130 TAITA UNION PARISH
 Ministry will be exercised by the Ministers of the Lower Hutt Parish.
- 6140 UPPER HUTT CO-OPERATING PARISH
 Graeme M McIver, B.A.
 Ann M Thomas, M.P.S. (Self-Supporting Presbyter) See Q.12(B)
 Presbyterian appts: John A Howell, B.A., B.Sc., B.Th.
 Norman W Knipe
- 6150 WAINUIOMATA UNION PARISH
 Presbyterian appt: Doris Scott

- 6160 GREYTOWN ST ANDREWS UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt: Ian Ramsden, M.A., B.D.
Allan J Handyside (Sup)
- 6170 FEATHERSTON UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt: Ian Ramsden M.A., B.D.
- 6180 CARTERON UNION PARISH
John E Langley
- 6190 MASTERTON ST LUKES UNION PARISH
Roger M Gibson
Presbyterian appt: Charles Naylor
- 6200 ST JAMES, MASTERTON UNION PARISH
J Murray Peat, B.Mus., A.T.C.L. Dip.
- 6210 EKETAHUNA UNION PARISH (see 6260)
- 6220 LEVIN
Robert S Andrews
Lewis A Bowen, Dip.R.E. See Q.16b
- 6230 OTAKI
Co-operative Agreement with the Otaki Anglican Parish - Methodist
Liaison.
Oversight by Levin Minister
- 6240 KAPITI CO-OPERATING
Geoffrey T Gilbert
Presbyterian appt: Gordon E Hall
M Alexander McDowell, D.D.(Mt Union, U.S.A.) (Sup.)
Frank H Woodfield (Sup.)
W J Douglas Wakeling See Q.17(b)
- 6250 HATAITAI-KILBIRNIE CO-OPERATING PARISH
Anglican appt: Ian Bourne, B.A., B.D., L.Th.
- 6260 NORTH WAIRARAPA RURAL SUPPORT MINISTRY
Keith J Allen
- 6510 PONEKE
Robert Te Whare See Q.17b

GRAEME M McIVER, B.A. (Acting District Superintendent)
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENTS--

ROGER M GIBSON (Wairarapa)
ROBERT S ANDREWS (Levin to Tawa)
MICAHIEL W GREER, L.Th. (Wellington City)

7000 NELSON DISTRICT

- 7010 NELSON
Wallace C Chapman
Stuart C Grant, B.A., LL.B., L.Th. (Hons)

- 7020 NELSON, ST LUKE'S UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt: Lawrence H Ennor, Mus.B.
- 7030 WAIMEA
Beverley Pullar
- 7040 MOTUEKA-MOUTERE HILLS REGIONAL CO-OPERATING
D Ian MacLeod
Presbyterian appt: D Iain McMillan, M.A.(Glas), B.D.(Glas),
S.T.M.(UnionNY)
- 7060 MURCHISON
See 7090
- 7070 BLENHEIM
Norman J West
David Harding, B.Ag.Sc., L.Th.(hons) (who shall be supervised by
Norman J West)
- 7080 PICTON UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt: Richard H Lawrence, B.A., B.D., M.Th.,
D.P.S.(Birm)
- 7090 REEFTON DISTRICT UNION PARISH
Clive G Dyson, A.S.B., L.T.C.L. who shall exercise ministry
in Murchison 7060
- 7100 BULLER UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt: Mark P Stephens
- 7110 GREYMOUTH DISTRICT UNION PARISH
Graham E Hawkey
Presbyterian appt:
Gordon A Leary, M.A., Dip.Ed., J.P. (Sup)
- 7120 HOKITIKA UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt: John F Drylie
- STUART C. GRANT, B.A., LL.B., L.Th.(Hons) (District Superintendent)
GRAHAM E. HAWKEY (Deputy District Superintendent)

8000 NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

- 'PASTOR-AT-LARGE' Presbyterian appt: Maurice A Chapman, L.Th.
- 8700 COUNCIL FOR MISSION & ECUMENICAL CO-OPERATION
Simon H Rae, M.A. (See also 9700)
- 8900 CONNEXIONAL OFFICE and ADMINISTRATION DIVISION
Alan K Woodley, B.A. General Secretary, Conference Secretary and
Authorised Representative
- 8010 CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL MISSION
John H Roberts, B.A., Dip.Crim. (Hons.) L.Th.
Doreen M Hill - Shared Lay Ministry.
Geoffrey E Hill - Shared Lay Ministry

Colin G Jamieson, Dip.R.E.(Melb.) See Q.17b

Ralph E Patchett (Sup)

H Ian K Hopper, B.A. (Sup)

Owen A Kitchingman (Sup)

Rona W Collins - Deacon (Deaconess)

8020 CHRISTCHURCH SOUTH

Ashley J Sedon, B.T.P., L.Th.(Hons)

C Seton Horrill See Q.16b

8030 CHRISTCHURCH EAST

Frederick J K Baker

One Wanted: Supply

William L Wallace, B.A. - shared ministry with Parklands

Co-operating Parish

E John Overton - Lay Ministry (Partially Self-Supporting)

J Herbert Thompson (Sup)

William R Laws, M.A., B.D.(Melb.) (Sup)

8040 NEW BRIGHTON UNION PARISH

Graeme R White L.Th.

8050 SUMNER-REDCLIFFS UNION PARISH

Presbyterian appt: R Coates, M.A.

Arthur R Witheford, B.A. (Sup)

Owen L Christian (Sup)

8060 SOUTH EAST CHRISTCHURCH UNION PARISH

Barry G Harkness, B.A., B.D.

8070 LYTTTELTON HARBOUR UNION PARISH

G Clive Smith, L.Th.

Wilfred E Falkingham, M.B.E. (Sup)

8080 CHRISTCHURCH (OPAWA)

Russell E James

E Raymond Le Couteur (Sup)

8090 BECKENHAM-SYDENHAM

Maxwell A Hornblow

Brian H Turner, M.A.(Hons.), Dip.R.E. (Melb.) See Q.16b

Manase Tafea (part-time supply to Tongan Fellowship) See Q.15(k)

Harold K Brown (Sup)

Archibald W McKay (Sup)

8100 CHRISTCHURCH (SPREYDON)

Bruce A Caygill, B.Comm. (Self-Supporting Presbyterian in training)

Herbert A Cochrane (Sup)

8110 HALSWELL UNION PARISH

Prebyterian appt: D L McIntyre

Alexander C Watson (Sup)

8120 CHRISTCHURCH (RICCARTON)

Phyllis M Guthardt, M.A., Ph.D.

Bryant S L Abbott (who shall be supervised by Phyllis M. Guthardt)

- 8130 CHRISTCHURCH (ST. ALBANS)
 James F Cropp
 Lynne J Wall, B.A., B.D., - Shared ministry
 Terence W Wall, M.A., S.T.M. - Shared ministry
 George G Cramond (Sup)
- 8140 CHRISTCHURCH (PAPANUI)
 Robin J G Gray
 Albert A Grundy, M.A.
 Alan K Woodley, B.A. (Administration Division)
 Rona W Collins - Deacon (Deaconess) See 8010
 Ernest Heppelthwaite See Q.16b
 Donald F Prince, M.N.Z.A.P.C. See Q.16b
 Robert H Allen, B.A. (Sup)
 Clifford J Keightley (Sup)
- 8150 HORNBURY
 Donald F Biggs Shared Ministry with 8230
 John I Manihera See Q16(b)
- 8160 LINCOLN UNION PARISH
 Robert A Allan
- 8170 LEESTON CO-OPERATING PARISH
 Presbyterian apt: Laurie G Richards, B.A.
- 8180 KAIAPOI CO-OPERATING PARISH
 Anthony N Bell, L.Th.
- 8190 RANGIORA
 Douglas H Burt
 Margaret G Harris (Self-Supporting Deacon)
 Rachel A Tregurtha (Self-Supporting Deacon)
- 8200 MALVERN CO-OPERATING PARISH
 Presbyterian appt: Lionel E Brown, B.A.
- 8210 OXFORD DISTRICT UNION PARISH
 Presbyterian appt:
- 8220 PARKLANDS CO-OPERATING PARISH
 William L Wallace, B.A. - Shared ministry with Christchurch East
 Parish
- 8230 ROLLESTON COMBINED CHURCH
 Donald F Biggs - Shared Ministry with 8150
 Presbyterian appt: Robert A Allan
 Anglican appt: Laurie Ward
- 8510 OTAUTAHU-TE WAIPOUNAMU
 Wati Tahere (Tumuaki Rohe)

ALBERT A. GRUNDY, M.A. (District Superintendent)

8300 SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

8310 TIMARU

Wilfred J Cable (Woodland St)

David S Bell, B.D., B.D. (who shall exercise ministry in the Temuka Parish)

John D Meredith (Self-Supporting Presbyterian) See Q.12A(b)

8330 ST DAVID'S MARCHWIEL UNION PARISH

Presbyterian appt: Scott Thompson

8350 WAIMATE

Ian L Clarke, A.C.A.

8360 GERALDINE CO-OPERATING PARISH

Presbyterian appt:

8370 TEMUKA

See 8310

8380 ASHBURTON

John Silverstone

John S Murray

T Ralph Benny (Sup)

8390 ALLENTON UNION PARISH

Presbyterian appt: Robert P Fendall, B.A.

8400 OAMARU UNION PARISH

Ian C E Ramage, M.A.

JOHN SILVERSTONE (District Superintendent)

9000 OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

David R Alley See Q.17b.

9700 COUNCIL FOR MISSION AND ECUMENICAL CO-OPERATION

Simon H Rae, M.A. (See also 8700)

9020 DUNEDIN MISSION

Donald J Phillipps, B.A., B.D.

Shirley V Ungemuth

Paul F Sinclair

Timothy J Langley

John A Stringer, Dip.Theol. (Melb.)

Andrew J Johnston (Sup)

Andrew G Reid (Sup)

9040 WEST HARBOUR UNITED PARISH

Alan R Upson (part-time)

9050 WEST DUNEDIN UNION PARISH

Peter J L West - Supply

Presbyterian appts: Colin Hay

- 9060 CORSTORPHINE-CONCORD UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt: Alan J Dunn, B.Com., A.C.A.
- 9070 GRANTS BRAES UNION PARISH
Lynne O Frith-Upson
- 9080 TOKOMAIRIRO CO-OPERATING PARISH
Kenneth Smith (who shall be supervised by John A Stringer, Dip.Theol.
(Melb.)
Presbyterian appt:
- 9090 BALCLUTHA
Anglican Pastoral Ministry
- 9100 GORE
One Wanted (Part-time Ministry)
- 9110 INVERCARGILL
Evan R Lewis, M.Sc., B.A. (who shall supervise Gore Parish)
Lindsay E Cumberpatch, B.A.
A Joan Lawry (Self-Supporting Deacon in training)
- 9120 RIVERTON UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt: N Cowie
- 9130 OTAUTAU UNION PARISH
Douglas Rogers, LL.B.(Hons), B.D.(Hons) (Graduate Theological
Student Supply)
- 9140 WAIONO UNION PARISH
Presbyterian appt:
- 9150 BLUFF CO-OPERATING PARISH
Anglican appt:
- 9160 TEVIOT UNION PARISH
Norma M Graves
- 9170 ALEXANDRA-CLYDE-LAUDER UNION PARISH
George M Hammond
Presbyterian appt: A Paul Ranby, B.A., B.D.
- 9180 PORT CHALMERS UNITED PARISH
Presbyterian appt:
- DONALD J. PHILLIPPS, B.A., B.D. (District Superintendent)
EVAN R. LEWIS, M.Sc., B.A. (Deputy District Superintendent)

QUESTION 27—What is the Report of the Church Council?

CHURCH COUNCIL

Reports pp. 51-54, 295-297

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Reports be received.
2. The Lay Representatives to the Inter-Divisional Consultation on Mission be Bernice Dey and Charlie Fenwick.
3. (a) Bearing in mind our commitment to the bi-cultural Church and thence to the multi-cultural Church in Aotearoa and in order to be able to make decisions about the future shape of our Church, particularly relating to
 - (a) structures of the Methodist Connexion, and
 - (b) the Divisions and/or other structures and resources needed for our life within the Church as a whole, Conference invites all Parishes, Synods, Boards and Committees to receive the report about 'Divisional and Connexional Structures - Objectives and Processes', and then to take time for open discussion of the issues and questions raised - noting the final paragraph of the Report as the starting point.
- (b) That Conference 1985 meet as an 'Open Conference' for a significant period of time to consider the same matters arising from October 1984 meeting of Church Council, and from the subsequent sharing throughout the Church during 1985, and resolves to:
 - (a) extend by one day the meeting time of Conference.
 - (b) extend the membership for the 'Open Conference' Sessions to include any member of the Church and expresses the hope that each Parish will be represented by at least two lay representatives.
 - (c) the maximum use of the en bloc procedures.
- (c) Conference requests that 1985 Reports from Boards and Committees be focussed upon the issues being raised, with reporting of past activities to be limited to essential matters.
- (d) The process and timetable we undertake together be as follows:
 - (a) Appointment of Planning Group convened by the President-Elect to begin work as soon as possible after 1984 Conference.
 - (b) Planning Group reports to Church Council May 1985 where plans are finalised.
 - (c) June-September 1985 - discussion in Parishes, Synods, Boards and Fellowships on issues before the Church.
 - (d) Views of various groups and individuals are contributed to Conference 1985 Open Sessions in written and spoken form.
 - (e) Listening and drafting groups gather views of the Church and prepare Report.
 - (f) Report presented to Church Council May 1986 covers life of Church, outreach of Church, Connexional structures.
 - (g) June-September 1986 - discussion of Report in Parishes, Synods, Boards and Fellowships: recommendations emerge from all these sources for Conference.
 - (h) Responses co-ordinated for presentation to Conference 1986.
 - (i) Conference 1986 makes decisions, sets objectives and

structure.

4. The following be the dates for the 1985 Meetings:
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| Inter-Divisional Consultation on Mission | 15-17 March at Auckland |
| | 6-8 September at Auckland |
| General Purposes Committee) | |
| Finance and Stewardship) | 30 April - 2 May at |
| Church Council) | Wellington |
| Pastoral Committee | 29 April at Wellington |
| August Synods | between 1-14 August |
| Pastoral Committee | 5 September at Auckland |
| General Purposes Committee) | |
| Stationing Committee) | |
| Church Council) | 1-3 October at Wellington |
| Finance and Stewardship) | |
| Conference | 2-8 November at New Plymouth |
5. The Joint Working Committee on bi-culturalism be asked to consider:
- (a) an appropriate bi-cultural way for the making of Connexional Appointments, and
 - (b) more appropriate bi-cultural agenda and representation on Church Council, General Purposes, Stationing and Finance and Stewardship Committees and report to Church Council April/May 1985.
 - (c) (i) That the composition of agendas of General Purposes Committee and Church Council be reviewed in order to provide appropriate representation and participation from Pacific Islanders.
 - (ii) That General Purposes Committee set up an ad hoc committee comprising the Conveners of the Samoan Policy Committee, Tongan Advisory Committee, Fijian Advisory Committee and the Auckland members of the General Purposes Committee, to undertake the review.
 - (iii) That the Convener be the Superintendent of the Development Division.
 - (iv) That this Committee be requested to prepare an initial report for the May meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

QUESTION 28—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Ministry?

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1984

INTERVIEWS OF CANDIDATES 1982 (4/630) Reporting on the 1982 Resolution regarding Interview of Candidates by District Synod rather than Ministerial Synod alone, the Committee on Ministry reiterates the thinking of the 1983 response, that the new procedures still need to be continued to allow adequate time for the evaluation of the present workable system.

PASTORAL CARE OF PRESBYTERS 1983 (13/634) This resolution was initially referred to the Episcopacy Commission in good faith, but in the light of its non continuance the above resolution was referred to the Welfare of the Church Committee. The Committee on Ministry noted in the process the difficulties inherent in legislating for this pastoral ministry to Presbyters and their families. We consider that it is still important that the District Superintendents' pastoral responsibility should not be diminished and that pastoral care of this nature must be and still is exercised within the context of Connexional structures and discipline. It is evident that Pastoral care is being exercised in some Districts in ways that are appropriate and practical without legislation.

LAW REVISION. During the year the Committee on Ministry consulted with the Law Revision Committee on matters related to the Cessation of Ministry in terms of 1983 Minutes, Res.8 (p.639) and regarding amendments to the Law relating to Lay Preachers. Synod responses were favourable, seven approving the proposed changes.

SELF-SUPPORTING PRESBYTERS AND DEACONS in the Methodist Church of New Zealand. Information Leaflet Nos. 25 & 27 published and revised and distributed early 1984 and again revised for 1985 will be a useful document for District Superintendents, District Candidate Conveners and those who become Candidates. We are grateful to the expertise of the Field Worker in Ministry in keeping this creative form of ministry before the Connexion. During the year Rev. Dave Mullan's publication of the book, "Diakonia & the Moa" was timely and interpretive of the emerging scene in our New Zealand Church. The Committee on Ministry makes a plea that the GUIDELINES for candidacy relative to the Self-Supporting Presbyterate be taken seriously by District Candidate Conveners and all Districts.

ASSESSMENT OF CANDIDATES

Ten Candidates attended the Assessment Courses held at St Paul's Church, London St, Hamilton. Of these, nine were accepted by the Standing Committee. Care needs to be taken by all Districts in the selection of District Candidate Conveners because of the importance of the work that needs to be done, and reports made, leading up to the Assessment Course weekend. District Candidate Conveners also need to make sure that they have read all the materials relating to the task, and then to follow through in accord with the instructions set out. Most of the information provided to Candidates and to District Candidate Conveners has had to be revised due to the change from Joint Assessment Course procedures. These are being reprinted at the moment and will be ready for distribution later this year.

ANNUAL LEAVE FOR MINISTERS. During 1984 the General Secretary referred Information Leaflet 20 to the Committee on Ministry (as the document 20a. produced by the Committee on Ministry some time back was in conflict). After much discussion and sub-Committee work, a recommendation is brought to Conference.

APPLICATIONS TO THE FULL TIME PRESBYTERATE. The Committee on Ministry became aware of considerable complexities in the case of one particular application and in seeking a way through to help both the

person and Parish involved, referred the special nature of the proposed Samoan Ministry to General Purposes Committee. Individual cases do not mean that our present regulations need to be changed, yet as a Committee we are feeling towards a greater flexibility. Not all applications to the Full Time Presbyterate fit the prescribed shape, e.g. Itinerancy, and English speaking skills, usual funding and provision of accommodation. This particular case which may in the future arise again is now referred to the Samoan Policy Committee for report back in 1985.

SELF-SUPPORTING MINISTRY AND THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Of recent times the Field Worker in Ministry, Rev. David Mullan, engaged in useful discussions with the Rev. Reg Weeks, Ministry Convener of the Presbyterian Church in New Zealand, regarding the above concern. Talks are proceeding. The Committee on Ministry feels that it's important to declare its mind on this issue. Until the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand determines its mind on the form that Self-Supporting Ministry should take, it is desirable that there be a HOLD on all such Presbyterian Applicants ...i.e.: we are seeking Methodist Applicants and District adherence to the guidelines.

MATERNITY & PATERNITY LEAVE: Twenty Methodist Women attended a Women and Ministry Conference and expressed concern at the non existence of paid Maternity Leave for Ministers. Committee on Ministry agreed that this issue should be looked at in 1985 and consequently moves the recommendation to Conference as quoted below (4).

Henry W. Kitchingman, CONVENER.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Report be received.
2. Conference determines that Annual Leave for ministers be 28 days or four weeks, plus statutory holiday equivalent, (non accumulative) and that normally no more than three weeks be taken at any one time.
3. That the Committee on Ministry report to Synods and Conference 1985 on recent developments in Diaconal Ministry including the possibility of Regional/Local settings for the Ordination of Deacons.
4. That in 1985 Deacons be ordained at Conference at a Service separate from the Service for the Ordination of Presbyters.
5. (a) That the Committee on Ministry and the Welfare of the Church Committee consult on the provision of three months paid Maternity leave for women Ministers, and explore ways in which this can be funded.
(b) That the Committee on Ministry and the Welfare of the Church Committee discuss the possibility of providing paid paternity leave.
(c) That reports be made to the August Synods and Conference 1985.
6. Conference congratulates the following Ministers on Academic and Professional achievements and agrees to these being printed in the record:

Rev. Audrey N. Dickinson, L.Th.

Rev. Christopher J. Dyson, L.Th.

Rev. Clive G. Dyson, A.S.B., L.T.C.L.

Rev. Sifa Hingano, S.Th.

Rev. Neil R. Keesing, S.Th.
Rev. G. Douglas Pratt, Ph.D. (St.And.)
Rev. Jeffrey W. Sanders, L.Th.
Rev. Margaret Springett, L.Th.
Rev. Richard J. Waugh, L.Th.

7. (a) That the Standing Committee for 1985 be the Members of the Conference Committee residing in Auckland, Manukau, Waikato-Bay of Plenty Synod areas together with such additional members approved by the President.
- (b) The Convener be Rev. Henry W. Kitchingman; Associate Convener, Rev. Graham Brazendale M.A.; Supervisor of Probationary Studies, Rev. David S. Mullan M.A., Dip.Ed.; Assessment Convener, Rev. Owen T. Woodfield, B.A.; Chairman, Rev. Peter A. Stead, B.A.
8. (a) Conference approves a change in the membership of the Standing Committee on Ministry to include the Field Worker in Ministry and, in order to provide adequate ethnic representation, one Minister appointed annually by each of the Samoan Policy Committee and the Tongan Advisory Committee.
- (b) Conference notes and approves a consequential amendment to the Law Book, 5-16.3(1), to add to the membership of the Standing Committee on Ministry the Field Worker in Ministry.
- (c) The Committee on Ministry nominates where appropriate representatives from Samoan, Tongan and Fijian groups; the representatives for 1985 be Rev. S. Amituana'i and Rev. T. Moala.
9. Conference expresses thanks to Rev. Norman Goreham for his leadership and directorship of the Ordinands Retreat over the last three years.

QUESTION 29—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Welfare of the Church?

WELFARE OF THE CHURCH

Report pp. 138-139

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Report be received.
2. That the Welfare of the Church Committee continues to explore the issues relating to Stationing, and report to Conference 1985.
3. That the Auckland Synod proposal re election of President and Vice-President be referred to the Welfare of the Church Committee in consultation with the Faith and Order Committee, for consideration with other material and report to Conference 1986.
4. That the Hawkes Bay-Manawatu Synod resolution "That Conference draw the attention of Districts to the provision of Section 4-7.1 in the Methodist Law Book regarding functions of the District Superintendent, whereby persons other than the District Superintendent may chair Synod meetings." be referred to the Law Revision Committee and report to Conference 1985.
5. That the present procedures for the election of President and Vice-President continue, and that the trial period be completed with a report to Conference 1986.
6. The membership of the Committee for 1985 be as printed in the Year Book on page 10.

QUESTION 30—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Lay Preachers' Association?

LAY PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Report pp. 58-60

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Report be received.
2. The concerns relating to the Lay Preachers' Association and their felt need to have more time at Conference to consult, be referred to the President and Vice-President-Elect as an Agenda issue of the Open Conference 1985.
3. Consideration be given by the Education Division, in consultation with the Lay Preachers' Association, to the appointment of a Connexional Lay Preachers' Secretary, with a Connexional Lay Preachers' Committee, to be responsible for, and to administer, the affairs of the Lay Preachers of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

QUESTION 31—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Women's Fellowship?

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Report pp. 61-65

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Report be received.
2. All Church members be encouraged to take part in the Bible Studies and Special Objective programme 'Finding in Christ the way towards a bi-cultural church'.
3. Conference affirms the work of the Women's Fellowship and encourages and supports their thrusts and policies.

QUESTION 32—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Media?

MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Report pp. 271-275

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Report be received.
2. (a) Conference endorses the Media & Communications Committee's intention for 'FOCUS' to affirm and create awareness of the major matters under consideration throughout our Church.
(b) That all Connexional bodies be requested to supply suitable material to the Editor of 'FOCUS' to fulfil this intention.
3. The section of the Report headed 'Radio Rhema' be the 1984 Conference's response to questions concerning the relationship of the Methodist Church of New Zealand to Radio Rhema, and be the guidelines by which District Synods address themselves to this matter.
4. The Committee for 1985 be Rev's. M.W. Greer (Convener),

E.F.I. Hanson, E.J. Little, D.V. McNicol, L.A. Bowen, A.M. Thomas, Mr G. Little, Mrs L. Whitten and such other persons appointed by the President, on the nomination of the Committee after consultation with the Maori and Development Divisions to ensure that in as far as possible the Committee's membership and year's priorities reflect the cultural diversity of the Connexion.

5. The Law Revision Committee in consultation with the Media and Communications Committee continue to study the legal and related implications of the publishing activities of the Methodist Church of New Zealand and report to the General Purposes Committee in April 1985 and report to Synods and Conference 1985.

QUESTION 33—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Chaplaincies?

CHAPLAINCIES

Report p. 65 - ARMED SERVICES

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Report be received.
2. The Chaplains for 1985 be:
 - (a) Full-time: Rev's. J.I. Manihera and R.D. Short (Army).
 - (b) Part-time: Rev's. M.L. Dine and B.W. Neal.
3. The Rev. J.I. Manihera be given a one year extension to 31st January 1986, to serve as an R.F. Chaplain in the N.Z. Army.
4. The Rev. R.D. Short be appointed a Regular Force Chaplain to serve in the N.Z. Army until 31st January 1988.
5. The representatives on the Regional Advisory Committee be:
Northern - M.L. Dine; Central - J.S. Hosking;
Southern - J.I. Manihera.
6. Conference requests the Armed Services Chaplaincy Committee to consider the implications of Army and Air Force Chaplains wearing insignia of rank and the possibility of those Chaplains adopting the same position as Navy Chaplains who wear no insignia.
7. The Committee for 1985 be as printed in the Year Book on page 8.

INTERIM REPORT - HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

At the Biennial In-Service Training Conference of the N.Z. Hospital Chaplains' Association held at Waikato University in August this year, the five Methodist Chaplains who were present explored ways in which we could report to Synods and Conference. We agreed that the most practical way of producing a report was to consult together every two years at the Hospital Chaplains' Conference, and to produce a composite report for Synods and Conference in the years between. This accords with the Report of the Review of the Chaplaincy Model of Providing Ministry (Minutes of Conference 1983 p. 229-233) which includes provision for each Chaplaincy Service to "report to Synods and Conference at least once every two years."

The Chaplains have asked me to draft, consult with them by mail, and compile our next Report, which is due to be presented to Synods and Conference 1985.

Ernie Heppelthwaite.

RESOLUTION:

1. The Interim Report be received.

QUESTION 34—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Wesley Historical Society?

WESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Report pp. 66-67

RESOLUTION:

1. The Report be received.

QUESTION 35—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to The Community of Women and Men in Church & Society?

THE COMMUNITY OF WOMEN & MEN IN CHURCH & SOCIETY

Report pp. 223-225

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Report be received.
2. Synods consult with Methodist Supernumeraries and their married partners to consider ways of support and sharing of Connexional news and information, and their representation within the life of the Church.
3. Married partners be invited by District Superintendents to contribute, under the appropriate headings, to the Profile of Presbyters intending to move.
4. Appreciation is expressed to Rev. Lynne Wall as she retires as the Convener and for the leadership and guidance she has given since the inauguration of the Community.
5. Conference endorses the concept of a Self-Supporting Diaconal Ministry amongst married partners of Presbyters and their families.
6. The Community membership for 1985 be Mavis Barnett, Lois Burkitt, Garth Cant, Andrew Donaldson, Anne Gray, Phyllis Guthardt, Anne Hill, Doreen Hill or Geoff Hill, Warren Hudson, Jennifer Moor (Convener), Don Prince and two further youth representatives to be appointed by the President and further consultation about representation with the Maori Division and the newly formed Tongan Fellowship in Christchurch.

QUESTION 36—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Faith and Order?

FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE

Report pp. 68-77

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Report be received.
2. The Short Order for Holy Communion in the Home be approved for printing (subject to final editing).
3. Conference reaffirms the report on "Charismatic Renewal"

contained in the 1975 Minutes of Conference, pp. 163-164, and invites the Faith and Order Committee to formulate a publication based on this and subsequent material in a form suitable for distribution to Parishes.

4. That the Faith and Order Committee begin work on a revision of the Order for Healing and Wholeness.
5. Conference accepts the following statement of the International Methodist-Roman Catholic Commission as a statement of intention for the Methodist-Roman Catholic Dialogue in this country:
"Members of the Commission are agreed in their commitment to the goal of full communion in faith, mission and sacramental life. They are agreed in rejecting any view of the Church that denies churchly status to each other. They are also united in rejecting any view that justifies acquiescing in the present state of division."
6. Conference draws attention to its Resolution 7, p. 637, Minutes of Conference 1983 regarding study and dialogue at the local level with Roman Catholic Parishes, and encourages Methodist, Union, and Co-operating Parishes to enter into conversations with Roman Catholics using the resources available.
7. The Faith and Order Committee, in consultation with the President-Elect, explore the possibility of inviting Bishop Peter Cullinane to address Conference 1985 in the light of his participation in the World Methodist-Roman Catholic Dialogue.
8. Conference requests the Faith and Order Committee to examine the question of a possible biblical and theological basis for the lay celebration of Holy Communion with a view to clarifying the Church's position on the practice of lay celebration.
9. Conference supports, in principle, the establishment of a Joint Liturgical Consultation within New Zealand and Conference asks the Faith and Order Committee to be responsible for Methodist participation, ensuring that women are adequately represented and that the full diversity of the Church is reflected.
10. Conference commends the new text of the Lord's Prayer (I.C.E.T.) for use in the Methodist Church.
11. Conference:
 - (a) declares apartheid a heresy,
 - (b) adopts the following statement, and
 - (c) forwards the statement to the National Council of Churches the Dutch Reformed Church (M.G.K.) and the Methodist Church of Southern Africa.

The Statement

As a member Church of the National Council of Churches in New Zealand the Methodist Church makes the following response to the NCC affirmation that apartheid is a heresy. We do so recognising that it can be all too easy for us to condemn the beliefs and actions of others beyond our shores while failing to deal with the issues that confront us as a Church.

1. We believe that a heresy is a doctrine affirmed in opposition to the duly considered and widely held orthodox doctrines of the Christian Church. A heresy may result in practical living that is contrary to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
2. We note that in South Africa the doctrine of apartheid as

it is expressed in separate development is given biblical and theological justification by the Dutch Reformed Church and that this doctrine is persuasively expounded by that Church. So, for example, the Dutch Reformed Church maintains that:

"In specific circumstances and under specific conditions the New Testament makes provision for the regulation, on the basis of separate development, of the co-existence of various peoples in the one country." (Source: Human Relations and the South African Scene in the Light of the Scriptures. Pg. 32 Dutch Reformed Church's General Synod Minutes.)

We note too that the Dutch Reformed Church as well as seeking to justify its support for separate development on biblical and theological terms, at the same time states that it is opposed to racism and therefore argues that separate development is not racism.

3. We believe, however, that the attempt to base apartheid/separate development on a biblical foundation can only succeed by a gross distortion of the plain meaning of the Scriptures: one example is by elevating the importance of the Babel story (of division), and by diminishing the importance of the Pentecost story (of reconciliation).

4. We believe that the attempt to give theological justification to apartheid/separate development leads to a denial of the truth about the God who is revealed to us in Jesus Christ. The God in whom we believe is a reconciling God who affirms all races and who shows no partiality towards anyone on the grounds of either race or culture.

5. We believe that it is not possible to separate apartheid/separate development as it is practised in South Africa from racism. While the practise of separate development may not necessarily be evil in itself (one could conceive of minority groups asking for a form of separate development to protect their own culture) it becomes evil when it is imposed by one group on others and especially when it is used by one group to preserve political and economic power.

6. Apartheid is therefore rightly described as a "form of idolatry in which the dominant group assumes for itself a status higher than the other, and through its political, military, and economic power seeks to play God in the lives of others." ("He made us all, but ... Allan Boesak p.4)

For these reasons we believe that the doctrine of apartheid is rightly called a heresy. The practical outworkings of this doctrine in separate development with its tragic consequences for human lives, leads to a denial of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

12. Conference expresses its appreciation to the Rev. John Silvester for his contribution to the Faith and Order Committee for over 30 years.

13. The Faith and Order Committee for 1985 be as printed in the Year Book on page 9.

NOTICES OF MOTION

14. The Faith and Order Committee in consultation with the Welfare

of the Church Committee reconsider the Conference status of probationers with a view to giving them speaking and voting rights at Conference.

15. The Faith and Order Committee review the theology and practice of baptism, with special reference to rebaptism, and report to Synods and Conference.
16. The questions raised by the Waikato-Bay of Plenty and Taranaki-Wanganui District Synods in relation to the ordination of Deacons be referred to the Faith and Order Standing Committee in consultation with the Committee on Ministry.
17. The Waikato-Bay of Plenty Synod question regarding the rights of Deacons in relation to Conference be referred to the Faith and Order Standing Committee in consultation with the Committee on Ministry.
18. Conference requests the Faith and Order Standing Committee to examine and report on the Church's theological and biblical position in relation to lesbianism and homosexuality and the consequences of that position.

QUESTION 37—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Law Revision?

LAW REVISION

Report pp. 269-270

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Report be received.
2. The amendments to the Law, now presented, be adopted and incorporated into the Law of the Church, which shall, including the amendments referred to in this Resolution, be as printed in the Law Book.

AMEND S1-8.4 to read:

- 8.4 The Parish Meeting shall from time to time decide which accredited Lay Preachers within its membership are to preach or conduct services in the Parish.

ADDITION TO SECTION 1:

- 8.7 After the words "report on a trial service" delete the words "as arranged by the Lay Preachers' Association" and substitute the words "conducted by the Candidate."
- 8.8 A person who is at least 40 years of age and who has for at least the preceding 10 years been conducting or taking a significant leadership role in worship services of the Methodist Church may, upon the recommendation of the Parish Meeting, be accredited as a Lay Preacher by the Lay Preachers' Association after the endorsement of the Synod of the District in which such person is a Member without having sat the prescribed examinations.

CORRECTIONS TO SECTION 2:

- 13.1 Change "paragraph" to "Section".
- 13.2 Change "paragraph" to "Section".
- 17.5(2) (b) 4th line substitute June for March.
- 13.1 2nd line substitute (See Section 3-5.11(e)). for (See Section 3-3.2(e)).

26.4 2nd line substitute 2-26.2 for (see Section 2-25.2).

26.5 1st line substitute 2-26.2 for (see Section 2-25.2).

ADDITION TO SECTION 2:

Add to end of Section 2: (See also 5-14.1 following and 5-16.4 & 5.)

APPENDIX TO SECTION 3:

AGENDA GUIDELINES - THE PARISH MEETING

Add new No. 7

7. (a) What is the Report of the Preachers' Meeting?

(b) What is the Report and/or Recommendations concerning Lay Preachers in training, their accreditation and other matters relating to Lay Preachers?

Previous No. 7 now becomes No. 8

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ADDITION TO SECTION 4:

4.1(r) The President of the New Zealand Methodist Lay Preachers' Association if resident in that District.

ADDITION TO SECTION 5:

4.4 After New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship, add:

The New Zealand Lay Preachers' Association

The Wesley Historical Society (N.Z.)

AMEND SECTION 5:

16.5 (1) The Conference, acting through the President in consultation with the President's Committee of Advice and the Superintendent of the District, may require any Minister to cease exercising the ministry to which such Minister is appointed from such date as the President shall require. Before such a decision is made, the District Ministerial Synod shall be convened at which the issues shall be clarified and then make its recommendation to the President. Such Minister shall have the right

(a) to make representations to the Standing Committee of the Committee on Ministry which shall report to the President either before or after the issue is considered by the General Purposes Committee, and/or

(b) to appeal either personally or through a person of that Minister's choice to the General Purposes Committee which may make its recommendations to the President.

The Minister required to cease exercising ministry in terms of this Section and/or such Minister's representative shall attend the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee unless the matter has been resolved prior to that Committee meeting. The General Purposes Committee shall report to the Conference.

(See also 2-26.1 following.)

DELETE SECTION 5-24.1 and 24.2.

DELETE SECTION 5-25.1 and 25.2.

AMEND SECTION 7:

8.1 The Board shall, on behalf of the Conference, receive and consider, and make recommendations to the Conference upon

any consents or approvals required in respect of any property matter whether such property is vested in the Board of Administration, other Incorporated Board, or in Trustees under the Methodist Model Deed of New Zealand 1887 and/or held in any other manner. The Board may, as from time to time determined by the Board, delegate to any Synod any of its functions in respect of property within that Synodal District relating to consent on behalf of the Conference on any property proposal affecting that District.

8.2 In making such recommendations the Board shall:

((a) to (f) as presently printed.)

AMEND SECTION 10(B):

11.2(3) Change "ministers" to "members".

SECTION 9:

DELETE HEADING "JOINT BOARD FOR MISSION OVERSEAS", and Clauses 4.1 to 4.5 inclusive, and substitute with "COUNCIL FOR MISSION AND ECUMENICAL CO-OPERATION" 4.1 to 4.2(j) inclusive.

The full text is in the Journal of the Conference and is printed separately for inclusion into the Laws and Regulations of the Church.

3. The balance of the material relating to the Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation 4.3 to 4.12 inclusive was received and adopted for experimental implementation during 1985. The Appendices 1 to 4 of Section 9 were received for inclusion within the Laws and Regulations of the Church.
4. The following new Section, proposed by the Law Revision Standing Committee, is referred (with an explanation as to the reason and need for it, to be prepared by such Committee) to Synods during 1985 for report back through such Committee to Conference 1985:

SECTION 2:

Add under Definition of Terms:

1.2 No Minister is to be regarded as an employee of the Church. Ministers are persons in a special relationship with and appointed by the Conference of the Church, with powers, duties and functions as set out in this Law Book, and entitled to a living allowance, called a stipend, as from time to time determined by the Conference.

5. The further matters referred by Wellington Synod, and questions raised in the Conference Law Revision Committee regarding the contents of Section 5-16.4 are referred to the Law Revision Standing Committee and the Committee on Ministry for consideration and report to Synods and Conference 1985.
6. A possible amendment of Section 5-6.6 to add the words "and attended" after the word "of" in the last line of the Clause is referred to the Welfare of the Church Committee for consideration and report, in conjunction with the Law Revision Committee, to Conference 1985.
7. The Common Provisions contained on pp. 9-23 of the Report of the Negotiating Churches Unity Council included in the Agenda (after p.297) are received, and referred to Synods/Union District Councils and to Union and Co-operating Parishes where there is Methodist membership, for consideration and comment by the 31st July 1985 through the Law Revision Standing Committee, with a

- view to formal approval at Conference 1985.
8. As a result of the passing by Conference of the resolutions regarding Fijian Ministry, Conference notes and approves the following consequential additions to the Law:

FIJIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- 32.1 There shall be a Fijian Advisory Committee appointed at each Conference, representative of every District where there are Fijian Fellowships.

FUNCTIONS

- 32.2 (a) to provide a forum where information and concerns relating to Fijians in New Zealand can be shared.
(b) to provide Fijian people with a structure through which they can relate directly to the Conference.
(c) to provide a Body to which Conference can direct issues relating to the care and oversight of Fijian Methodists in New Zealand.

MEMBERSHIP

- 32.3 The membership of the Committee shall be:
- (a) two lay representatives each from the Wellington and Auckland Fijian Fellowships.
 - (b) all Methodist Ministers in Connexion with the Fiji Methodist Conference serving under the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand under Question 15(i).
 - (c) one representative each from the Auckland and Wellington District Synods.
 - (d) the President of the Conference and the Superintendent of the Development Division.
9. The present provisions of the Law Book 32.1 on of Section 5 be consequentially renumbered.
10. The membership of the Committee for 1985 be as printed in the Year Book on page 9.

QUESTION 38—What are the resolutions of the Conference respecting the laws of the Church including the rulings of the President during the year?

None.

QUESTION 39—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to International Affairs?

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Report pp. 145-152

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Report be received.

NOTE: Other Resolutions arising from the Report are included under QUESTION 45(B).

QUESTION 40—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Public Questions?

PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE

Report pp. 78-118

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Report be received.
2. Conference urges the Government, Employer and Union groups to give urgency to ways of increasing permanent part-time positions with adequate remuneration and with the same rights and conditions as full-time workers.
3. Conference urges Government through the Housing Corporation and Department of Maori Affairs to make more house mortgages available at low interest rates for lower income earners.
4. Conference requests Synods and Parishes to consider the distinctive housing pressures in their localities, with the aim of assessing needs, and
 - (a) taking action such as making submissions to Local Authorities and Government, and
 - (b) considering the use of local church resources.
5. Conference requests Parishes to study the papers on Ageism.
6. Conference requests Government to set up an independent body to study the implications of, and receive submissions upon, the present National Superannuation Scheme, and to make recommendations to Government for such changes as the independent body recommends.
7. Conference receives and refers to Synods, Parish Meetings and Congregations the paper "A Bill of Rights for New Zealand" for discussion and response by 30 June 1985.
8. Conference receives and refers to Synods, Parish Meetings and Congregations the report "In Vitro Fertilisation" to study and report to the Public Questions Committee by 30 June 1985, and that Parishes give this priority early in 1985.
9. Conference affirms the principle that "In Vitro Fertilisation" is acceptable treatment for infertility and commends this position for the serious consideration of Synods, Parish Meetings and Congregations.
10. Conference supports an increase in funding for the work of the Public Questions Committee to provide secretarial assistance proportionate to any increase approved by the Presbyterian Church, the additional amount in the 1985/86 budget to be not more than \$1,000 & this be referred to the Finance & S/ship Cttee.
11. Conference requests the Public Questions Committee to re-examine its earlier statement on abortion, to examine whether the current availability of abortion is in line with that statement, and to report to Conference 1985 on the range of educational and support services available to those seeking abortion.
(This refers to the Memorial from the Mangonui County Union Parish.)
12. The Notice of Motion submitted by Waikato-Bay of Plenty District Synod concerning psychiatric care of people in penal institutions be referred to the Public Questions Committee for study.

13. The statement "Violence to Women" from the Women in Ministry Conference 1984 be referred to the Public Questions Committee for suitable publication in e.g. Broadsheet/Focus. The statement reads:

"VIOLENCE TO WOMEN

This Conference calls upon the Churches in New Zealand to proclaim and teach in every possible way, the importance of truly loving, caring, mutual relationships in accordance with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We are especially concerned that many Christian women submit to violence and even consider this as a normal part of what they understand to be their duty to hold the family together at any cost. This makes them loath to admit that they have such problems, and as much violence is learned at home, this makes the cycle of violence very hard to break.

Our concern is with all forms of violence including verbal and psychological abuse, sexual harrassment, corporal punishment, coercive sex, rape, incest, and battering.

We call on all men in positions of authority in the churches to examine their own potential for violence, and their theology in order to find ways of bringing about effective change wherever they or their churches are condoning violence in any form.

We ask them to ensure that this call goes out to all congregations in the country, and ask them to let us know what steps they have taken, within the next twelve months."

14. Conference shows its appreciation of the work done by four members of the Standing Committee, who have retired this Conference. They are: Rev's. Colin Clark (who has served the Committee for 20 years and was Convener of the Committee for 12 of those years), Keith Griffith; Messrs. George Halliday and Gordon Little.
15. The Conference membership of the Joint Public Questions Committee for 1985 be as printed in the Year Book on page 10.

QUESTION 41—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the N.Z.M.S.S.A.?

N.Z. METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION

Report pp. 119-122

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Report and Financial Statement be received.
2. The Rev. D.B. Gordon be re-appointed as Convener of the N.Z.M.S.S.A.
3. The M.S.S.A. in consultation with the Public Questions Committee prepare submissions for the proposed Royal Commission on Social Security.
4. That in the light of widely held fears concerning the erosion of the Welfare State, and noting the Government's intentions to deal with such problems, the N.Z.M.S.S.A. monitor the effects of the 1984 Budget on social welfare, housing and health policies

and their implementation, to ensure that such services are appropriately targeted to those most in need.

5. The N.Z.M.S.S.A. prepare a statement upon the theological and biblical basis for the vision of a caring and responsible society, as a discussion paper for use within the Church.
6. That urgency be given by the N.Z.M.S.S.A. to study and action in relation to Oppressed Urban Communities (including follow-up to the consultations held by Christchurch and Central Districts M.S.S.A.) during 1985, and models for action be prepared for use in local Parishes.
7. Conference recommends that an urgent approach be made by the N.Z.M.S.S.A. to the Ministers of Social Welfare and Health for subsidy to provide intermediate care for the frail aged who are not eligible for subsidised hospital care.
8. In view of the large number of resolutions from Conference relating to social justice and welfare issues, the N.Z.M.S.S.A. and the Public Questions Committee confer regarding the future allocation of their respective responsibilities.

QUESTION 42—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the M.S.S.A. Branches?

AUCKLAND CENTRAL PARISH & MISSION

Report pp. 123-125

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Report be received.
2. The Board of Management of the Auckland Methodist Central Mission for 1985 be as printed in the Year Book on page 12.

METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE MANAWATU

Report pp. 132-134

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Report be received.
2. The Management Committee for 1984-85 be as printed in the Year Book on page 12.

WESLEY SOCIAL SERVICES TRUST BOARD (INC.)

Report pp. 135-137

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Report be received.
2. The Board for 1985 be as approved by the President.

CHRISTCHURCH METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION

Report pp. 126-129

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Report be received.
2. The Board of Management for 1985 be as printed in the Year Book on page 13.

DUNEDIN METHODIST MISSION

Report pp. 130-132

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Report be received.
2. The membership of the Board for 1985 be as printed in the Year Book on page 13.

QUESTION 43—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Trinity Theological College?

TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Reports pp. 277-279, 307-315, Principal's Report pp. 280-283

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Reports be received.
2. The Rev. B.K. Rowe, B.A., B.D., S.T.M. (Union N.Y.) be appointed as Principal and Ranston Lecturer in Practical Theology for a further period of five years.
3. Conference confirms and welcomes the appointment of Dr Eric Ryan as Supply Lecturer in Theology for the 1985 Connexional year.
4. Conference welcomes the appointment of the Rev. Loyal Gibson as Director of the Education Centre and wishes him and the College well in this significant development.
5. Conference re-affirms the commitment of the Methodist Church to continuing ecumenical partnership in residential ministerial education with the Church of the Province of New Zealand at St John's College, Auckland, and calls on the Trinity College Council to share fully with the church through Synods and Conference any further developments in the negotiating towards strengthening this partnership.
6. Conference welcomes the possibility of expressing the relationship in ministerial education at St John's College, Auckland between the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand and the Church of the Province of New Zealand in a Covenant Agreement.
7. The Trinity College Council be asked to investigate ways and means to increase the breadth of geographical representation on the Council in consultation with the President and report to Conference 1985.
8. Conference places on record its appreciation to the Rev. Jack Penman for his contribution as Chairman of the Trinity College Council and to Mr Jack Osborn for his work as Secretary to the Trinity College Council.
9. The membership of the Council for 1985 be as printed in the Year Book on page 12.

QUESTION 44—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Wesley College?

WESLEY COLLEGE

Report pp. 140-144

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Report be received.
2. Conference notes with pleasure that 25 girls will be enrolled in the Senior School at Wesley College in 1985. It expresses good wishes to the Trust Board and all others concerned in this development, which represents a resumption of a co-educational character at Wesley, after 100 years.
3. The membership of the Board for 1985 be as printed in the Year Book on page 12, and that the Wesley College Trust Board consult the women's appointment file through the Community of Women & Men in Church & Society, the Maori Division and the Samoan and Tongan Advisory Committees with a view to a more equitable representation.
4. The President and Vice-President personally represent to the Wesley College Trust Board the concerns and affirmations expressed in the Conference debate and resolutions on membership of that Trust Board and related matters.

QUESTION 45—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Joint Board for Mission Overseas?

(A) JOINT BOARD FOR MISSION OVERSEAS

Reports pp. 156-158, 505-507

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Report be received.
2. Conference records with deep gratitude the long and faithful service of Margaret and Geoff Tucker in the overseas work of the Methodist Church over the past fifteen years. They first accepted the call of the Church to serve in the Solomon Islands and in 1975 on their return to New Zealand Geoff was appointed as Secretary of the Methodist Overseas Division giving outstanding leadership and challenge with the formation of the Joint Board for Mission Overseas 6 years ago. Geoff and David Evans formed a team who worked together for the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches in developing new patterns of mission. Geoff has given himself unstintingly to the task and in making himself available to meet the demands of the work both in New Zealand and visiting overseas partner Churches he has always been ably and lovingly supported by Margaret. He has listened to and learnt from the Churches overseas, showed

- care and concern for staff serving there and endeavoured to help New Zealand Church members understand the task of mission as it has continued to develop. Members of the previous Joint Board affirm the creativeness, the challenge and the personal commitment of the partnership of David Evans and Geoff Tucker.
3. Conference records its gratitude for the contribution made by the Rev. David Evans during his term as Joint Secretary of the Joint Board for Mission Overseas. We have appreciated the comprehensive written reports which David has produced following his visits to partner Churches overseas. David's quiet but carefully considered manner has elicited a warm response from many people throughout the Church. We hope that this period of service will enrich David's ongoing ministry and we wish him well in the future.
 4. Conference expresses its warm appreciation to the members of the Joint Board, and in particular to Mrs Margaret Gordon, as Co-Convener of the Board, for their work over past years.
 5. The Financial Accounts be received and adopted.

QUESTION 45(B)—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation?

COUNCIL FOR MISSION & ECUMENICAL CO-OPERATION

Reports pp. 159-164, 321-322

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Reports be received.
2. Conference extends its warm greetings to Rev.Dr. James Veitch, Rev. Simon Rae and Rev. Alan Leadley who have been appointed as Secretaries for the new Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation and affirms its support for the Co-Ordinating Committee, the Regional Units and the staff of the Council.
3. In order to finalise the legal entities of Trusts associated with the Methodist Overseas Missions, Conference take all necessary steps to remove from their respective Registers,
 - (i) The Methodist Overseas Mission Investment Board
 - (ii) The Methodist Overseas Missions (N.Z.) Trust Association.
4. In order to support the work of peacemaking in the church, Conference approves in principle a special offering on Peace Sunday to encourage local congregations to contribute to this cause, and asks the Council of Mission to make appropriate submissions to the Finance and Stewardship Committee.
5. This Conference urges Parishes to arrange a suitable occasion during 1985 for the re-affirmation by individuals and congregations of the Covenant for Peace, which was entered into by the 1982 Conference and conveyed to all Parishes for action.
6. Parish Meetings be urged to take responsibility for positive peacemaking, and openly encourage work for peace and justice, keeping it as a priority in their communications.
7. Conference commends the N.Z. Government on its policy to refuse access to New Zealand's territory by vessels or aircraft carrying nuclear weapons and encourages the Government to introduce

legislation to this effect.

8. Conference encourages Methodist people to become involved in the current debate about New Zealand membership of the ANZUS Alliance, and to bring to that debate the Christian conviction that it is contrary to the will of God to possess or threaten the use of nuclear weapons.
(Note: The 1980 Conference Report & Resolutions and associated Education Division material will form important resources.)
9. Conference write to all Governments and our partner Churches in the South Pacific region encouraging them to work towards establishing a South Pacific Nuclear Weapons Free Zone.
10. Noting the role of the Joint Board in acting as liaison between Maori Synod and the Uniting Church in Australia in exploring the needs for ministry among Maori people in Australia, Conference requests Unit 2 of the Council for Mission to continue this work.
11. The Report (Section L - Ecumenical Relationships p. 248) of the Board of Administration Report be received.
12. Conference congratulates Mr G.E. Hill on becoming Vice-President of the National Council of Churches.
13. Conference notes with deep appreciation the service of the Rev. Angus MacLeod as General Secretary of the N.C.C. for 10½ years, and wishes Mr and Mrs MacLeod continuing fulfilment in his new appointment at Long Bay Baptist Church.
14. Conference commends the Rev. Brian Turner on his appointment to the W.C.C. Commission on Inter-Church Aid, Refugees and World Service (CICARWS) and assures him of the Church's support in this significant task.
15. Conference re-affirms the commitment to the work of the I.C.C.I., endorses the annual appeal for funds and encourages Parishes to facilitate and support the carrying through of the 1985 Appeal to be held on Sunday 14th July, which will be known throughout the world as Refugee Sunday.
16. Conference write to the Minister of Immigration strongly affirming the necessity for maintaining at least the present levels of Refugee Resettlement in New Zealand.
17. Noting that I.C.C.I. has requested the New Zealand Churches to assist in the resettlement of Assyrian Christian refugees now temporarily domiciled in Greece, Conference requests the I.C.C.I. to make suitable representations to the Minister of Immigration for an initial quota of up to 25 families, and urges a faster processing by immigration officials of applications from refugees for settlement in New Zealand.
18. Conference commends the 1984 Christian World Service Christmas Appeal to Parishes.
19. In 1985 the Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation (through Unit 1) continue to be responsible for co-ordinating overseas travel and study grants in consultation with the Tumuaki, Superintendent of the Development Division, Auckland staff member of the Education Division, the Principal of the Theological College, the Unit 1 Secretary of the Council for Mission & Ecumenical Co-operation, two lay persons appointed by Auckland Synod, and that the Council be asked to report to

Conference 1985 on the appropriate long term method of dealing with this matter.

20. Conference appoints the following for 1984-85:
General Meeting N.C.C.: Rev's. R.D. Rakena, J.H. Roberts, A.K. Woodley, Mrs Helen Grant and two others to be nominated by the President; Executive of N.C.C.: Rev's. J.H. Roberts, R.D. Rakena and Helen Grant; Women's Committee N.C.C.: Mesdames M. Balfour, S. Tahere and M. Hamilton.
21. The representative to the C.C.A. Assembly be Mrs Joy Rakena.
22. The three representatives to the National Consultation in February 1985 be Rev's. J.H. Roberts, Dr Phyllis M. Guthardt and Mrs Helen Grant.
23. Conference notes with gratitude the fine way the Church has been served by the Joint Board for Mission Overseas, the Joint International Relations Committee and the Ecumenical Relationships Committee, all of which make their final Reports at this Conference.
24. Conference notes the World Methodist Social Affirmation prepared by the Social and International Affairs Committee of the World Methodist Council and requests the Faith and Order Committee in consultation with the Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation to respond on behalf of the Conference.
25. The Appendix on the proposed rugby tour of South Africa 1985 be received. (See Report pp. 148-152.)
26. Heeding the call of our Christian partners in the South African Churches, affirming our conviction that apartheid is a heresy and aware of the great significance in South Africa and elsewhere of continuing sporting contacts between N.Z. and South Africa, Conference calls:
 - (a) on the N.Z. Government to use all practical means to persuade the NZRFU not to proceed with a tour to South Africa in 1985, and
 - (b) on the NZRFU not to accept an invitation to send a rugby team to South Africa in 1985.
27. Conference asks:
 - (a) the President to lead a delegation to the New Zealand Government and the NZRFU, to place this report and our concern before them.
 - (b) the President invite heads of other N.Z. Churches, Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga I Nga Hahi and the National Council of Churches to join them in such a delegation.
28. Conference send this report to Christian Churches in South Africa, and to the South African Council of Churches, along with an assurance of our prayerful support for them in their witness to the unity and new life offered through Jesus Christ.
29. The Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation be asked to provide further background material for those Parishes or Synods who wish to discuss this report in more detail.
30. Conference urges local churches and Church Courts to engage with local rugby players and officials in creative ways to face together questions relating to the 1985 rugby tour of South Africa.

31. Conference endorses the Prime Minister's initiative in calling for effective talks between the various groups of people in New Caledonia.
32. The Conference express to the French Government and the New Zealand Prime Minister its affirmation of the innate and active right of the Kanak people for a greater say in, and a more expeditious move to territorial independence.
33. Conference notes with concern the ecological effects of the strip mining of nickel on the agriculture and quality of life of the rural people of New Caledonia.
34. Conference warmly congratulates Bishop Desmond Tutu on being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize and assures him and the South African Council of Churches of our strong support in their search for a just peace within South Africa.
35. Conference notes the report of the consultation on North/South Dialogue and Solidarity with the Poor from the Social and International Affairs Committee of the World Methodist Council, and the report of the N.Z. representative to Council, and requests the Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation to respond to the first report on behalf of the Conference.
36. Believing in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person and in the equal rights of men and women, Conference calls upon the Prime Minister and his Government to ratify the United Nations Convention on all forms of Discrimination Against Women, before the end of the Decade for Women, in July 1985.

NOTICE OF MOTION

37. The concerns expressed in the Notice of Motion from the Hamilton Parish regarding matters that can be seen as political, be referred to the Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation.

QUESTION 46—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Development Division?

DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Reports pp. 165-181, Supplementary Report pp. 317-319

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Reports be received.
2. The Schedule of Grant-in-Aid allocations for 1984-85 be:

PARISH	TOTAL APPLIED FOR	RATIO	METHODIST SHARE	RECOMM- ENDED
1. NORTHLAND	\$		\$	\$
Sth Bay of Islands C.P.	5,000	1/4	1,250	525
2. AUCKLAND				
St Austell's C.P.	5,000	1/4	1,250	1,125
Glenfield C.P.	13,000		4,000	4,000
Avondale U.P.	6,381(6mths)	1/4	1,395	1,395
3. MANUKAU				
Franklin West C.P.	1,000	-	1,000	1,000

4. WAIKATO/B.O.P.				
Dinsdale	11,000	1/4	2,750	2,750
Waihi/Paeroa	2,000	-	2,000	1,750
Turangi C.P.	10,227	1/8	1,278	1,000
5. HAWKES BAY/MANAWATU				
Flaxmere C.P.	3.694(7mths)	1/8	538	538
6. WELLINGTON				
Wairarapa Rural Support				
Ministry	10,000	2/10	2,000	2,000
Upper Hutt	7,000	1/4	1,750	1,750
Brooklyn C.P.	3,000	1/4	750	750
7. NELSON				
Reefton U.P.	4,500	1/4	1,125	1,125
8. NTH CANTERBURY				
Lyttelton U.P.	8,000	1/4	2,000	1,800
New Brighton U.P.	4,000	1/4	1,000	1,000
Parklands	10,000	1/8	1,250	950
9. STH CANTERBURY				
Waimate	3,000	-	3,000	3,000
Oamaru U.P.	1,800	7/8	1,575	1,500
10. OTAGO/SOUTHLAND				
Corstorphine U.P.	5,500	1/7	786	700
West Dunedin	12,000	1/6	2,000	1,800
Tokomairiro	10,000	1/4	2,500	2,500
			<u>\$35,197</u>	<u>\$32,958</u>

3. The revised procedures for assessing and allocating Grant-in-Aid to Parishes be accepted on a trial basis for two years, with a report to Synods and Conference 1986.
4. The Board for 1985 be as printed in the Year Book on page 10.
5. INTER-CHURCH ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY:
The Methodist representatives for 1985 be Mr Robert Sullivan and the Superintendent of the Development Division.
6. The Financial Statements be received.
7. Conference appoints the Rev. N.E. Brookes as Superintendent of the Development Division for a term of not less than two years, during which time consideration and discussion of the restructuring of the Divisions will continue in the light of the total needs of the Church and the intention of the Conference that the Church become more truly bi-cultural.
8. Conference places on record its appreciation of the work of Jennifer Jones in the Divisional Office.
9. Conference records its appreciation of the 12 years leadership Rev. Barry Jones has given to the Methodist Church as inaugural Superintendent of the Development Division, and recognises with grateful gratitude his vision for the Church as the lively people of God, and the creative endeavours by which he has sought its development in the Church's life, mission and ministry.

JOINT WORKING COMMITTEE TOWARDS A BI-CULTURAL METHODIST CHURCH
IN AOTEAROA
Report pp. 177-181

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Report be received.
2. Conference requests that urgency be given to a dialogue between the Joint Working Committee toward a bi-cultural church and the Pacific Island sections of the Church.

(See also Question 71, Resolution 1, p. 666)

QUESTION 47—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Fijian Fellowships?

(A) AUCKLAND METHODIST FIJIAN FELLOWSHIP

Report pp. 185-187

RESOLUTION:

1. The Report be received.

(B) WELLINGTON METHODIST FIJIAN FELLOWSHIP

Report pp. 188-189

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Report be received.
2. Because of the great demand from the congregation for pastoral care and the inadequate time the Minister has for the whole of his ministerial work, the present self-supporting ministry be changed initially to a part-time appointment.

A PASTORAL REVIEW OF FIJIAN MINISTRY IN NEW ZEALAND

Report pp. 188-189

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Report be received.
2. (a) Conference agrees to the formation of a Fijian Advisory Committee representative of every District where there are Fijian Fellowships.
 - (b) That the purpose of the Advisory Committee be:
 - i) to provide a forum where information and concerns relating to Fijians in New Zealand can be shared.
 - ii) to provide Fijian people with a Body through which they can relate directly to the Conference.
 - iii) to provide a Body to which the Conference can direct issues relating to the care and oversight of Fijian Methodists.
 - (c) The membership of the Committee be:
 - i) two lay representatives each from the Wellington and Auckland Fijian Fellowships.
 - ii) all Methodist Ministers in Connexion with the Fiji Methodist Conference serving under the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand under Question 15(i).
 - iii) one representative each from the Auckland and Wellington District Synods.
 - iv) the President of the Conference and the Superintendent of the Development Division.

3. The Development Division, in consultation with the Fijian Advisory Committee, be responsible for maintaining liaison with the Fiji Conference in terms of items 1 - 4 in the section of the Report headed "Ongoing Issues".
4. Conference extend its greeting to the Fiji Methodist Conference as it celebrates the 150th Anniversary of the coming of the Gospel to Fiji.

QUESTION 48—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Samoan Policy Committee?

SAMOAN POLICY COMMITTEE

Report pp. 184-192

RESOLUTION:

1. The Report be received.

QUESTION 49—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Tongan Fellowship?

TONGAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Report pp. 193-198

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Report be received.
2. The Committee members for 1984-85 be as printed in the Year Book on page 10.
3. Conference being aware of the request of two small groups to the Tongan Conference for ministry, consultation take place between the President, the Superintendent of the Development Division, Mr Kilifi Heimuli, and the Rev. Sitiveni Manoa and local Tongan representatives.

QUESTION 50—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Church Union?

CHURCH UNION

Report pp. 299-306

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Report be received.
2. The specific proposition to hold discussions initially with the Presbyterian Church directed towards a form of Union between the two Churches lie on the Conference table for 12 months.
3. Conference requests all levels of Church life to continue to study the proposition contained in the Report and report back to the Church Union Committee by 30 June 1985.
4. Conference supports the intention of the Church Union Committee to meet with its Presbyterian counterpart in order that there might be:
 - a) serious bilateral reflections on the theology of Christian unity.

- b) a general searching together for a way forward.
 - c) consideration of the wider ecumenical setting for the Churches to act out their unity.
 - d) investigation of ways by which both Churches' administrative procedures and resources can be further co-ordinated for the benefit of Co-operative Ventures.
5. (a) The Church Union Committee for 1985 be Rev's. Siauala Amituana'i, Norman Brookes (Convener), Lois Clarke, Patricia Jacobson, Taniela Moala, Rua Rakena, Keith Rowe, Miss Marion Neller and Mr Jack Osborn.
- (b) The Methodist representatives on the Negotiating Churches Unity Council be:
- i) Committee on Church Union - Rev's. Keith Rowe, Norman Goreham and Miss Patricia Irving.
 - ii) Committee on Co-operating Ventures - Rev's. Alan Woodley, Gillian Telford, Norman Brookes and Mrs Irene Girvan.
6. Conference records its sincere appreciation to Rev. B.E. Jones for his work in the area of Church Union.

QUESTION 51—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Statistics?

STATISTICS

Report pp. 425-440

RESOLUTION:

- 1. The Report be received.

QUESTION 52—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Maori Division?

MAORI DIVISION

Report pp. 284-286

RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. The Report be received.
- 2. The Rev. Ruawai D. Rakena is appointed Tumuaki for a further term of five years.
- 3. The representatives on Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga Hahi in 1985 be: Samson Toia, Heremia H. Pate, Morehu Te Whare, Diana Tana, Heke Eketone and Ruawai Rakena.
- 4. Conference supports the National Hui on Waitangi's proposal to change the marking of next year's anniversary of the Signing of the Treaty on the 6th February, by asking the four Maori M.P's and a collective tangatawhenua to call a Hui at Waitangi from the 4th to 6th February.
- 5. Conference supports the establishing of a Commission to implement the recommendations of the National Hui, and urges the Minister of Maori Affairs and Lands to give it priority.
- 6. That the Maori Division take up with the Committee on Ministry, the question of all Methodist Students in Training being obliged to include Maori language, culture, theology and other related topics in their courses, as an affirmation of the move towards a

Bi-cultural Church.

7. That the Maori Division set up a task group to review present needs in the education of Maori young people and the provision by the Church of Hostel accommodation.
8. The membership of the Board for 1985 be as printed in the Year Book on page 11.

RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST BOARD

Report pp. 153-155

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Report be received.
2. The Board of Administration be asked to arrange a consultation of those involved in administering Trade Training Hostels for the purpose of sharing the manner in which the Board operates and enabling mutual support between Hostel operators which the Board presently lacks.
3. In view of the more satisfactory state of operations during the current year, and the request for a task group to review policy with regard to Trade Training Hostels, any question of the sale of the Rangiatea property be deferred.
4. The Board for 1985 be as printed in the Year Book on page 12.

QUESTION 53—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Education Division?

EDUCATION DIVISION

Reports pp. 199-209

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Reports be received.
2. The Rev. Frank Hanson be designated for re-appointment as Executive Director for a further term of up to three years following the conclusion of his current term in January 1986.
3. The membership of the Board for 1985 be as printed in the Year Book on page 11.
4. Conference
 - (a) declares its support for the commemoration of International Youth Year in 1985,
 - (b) agrees that July 21, 1985 be designated as Youth Sunday, and
 - (c) asks the Connexional Youth Task Groups to consider how they can support and enable the celebration of Youth Sunday.

QUESTION 54—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Administration Division?

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

Reports pp. 226-259

A. SUPERNUMERARY FUND

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Report be received.
2. Conference authorises and encourages the use of direct debiting

for personal and employer contributions to the Supernumerary Fund with the aim of this method of contribution being effective from 15 February 1985.

B. LAY WORKERS' RETIRING FUND

RESOLUTION:

1. The Report be received.

C. INSURANCE

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Report be received.
2. The Connexional Office is thanked for its work related to the Church's insurances.

D. PRESBYTERS, DEACONS & LAY WORKERS' FUND

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Report be received.
2. The Board be encouraged to continue to study the needs of the ministry for vehicle finance, and to pursue the possibilities and implications of the Options, as set out in the Report to Synods, and report to Synods and Conference 1985.
3. In order to strengthen the P.D. & L. Fund, Conference supports a grant of \$15,000 to be sought from the Connexional Budget in each of the next three Budget years.
4. Conference draws attention to Boards, Committees, Parishes and Members the need for the capital of the P.D. & L. Fund to be strengthened by way of gifts, grants and bequests.

E. CONNEXIONAL BANKING SCHEME - SPECIAL ACCOUNT

RESOLUTION:

1. The Report be received.

F. GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST

RESOLUTION:

1. The Report be received.
THORNDON DEPOSIT:
2. 33-1/3% of the income of the Thorndon Deposit account for the year ended 31/1/85 be paid as a capital contribution to the Presbyters, Deacons and Lay Workers' Loan Fund to strengthen that Fund's ability to assist with loans to ministers and particularly those ministers commencing their ministry.
UNDESIGNATED LEGACIES - DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME:
3. The sum of \$2,892 available from Undesignated Legacies be made available to the N.Z.M.S.S.A. for a specific "people" project.

G. CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

RESOLUTION:

1. The Report be received.

H.

ARCHIVES

RESOLUTION:

1. The Report be received.

J.

REMOVAL FUND

RESOLUTION:

1. The Report be received.

K.

SECTOR MINISTRIES FUND

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Report be received.
2. The purpose, criteria and procedures of the existing Sector Ministries Fund be revised as follows:
 - A. CRITERIA FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF GRANTS FROM THE FUND
 - (a) That grants be available to support pioneering expressions of Christian ministry, ordained or lay at Parish, District and Divisional level (neighbourhood, regional and national).
 - (b) That normally grants be made annually.
(Note: some projects may justify a designate term, say 3 years.)
 - (c) That normally grants be available for initial pioneering work rather than the long term support of specific ministries.
 - (d) That grants be available to support part-time as well as full-time expressions of ministries.
 - (e) That lay people be eligible for grants from the Fund.
 - B. PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FROM THE FUND
 - (a) All applications shall have the endorsement of the Synod in whose area the ministry is to be expressed.
 - (b) Application will be considered in terms of the skills and resources of the person(s) involved and also the merits of the aims and objectives of the existing/proposed ministry.
 - (c) Applications should indicate -
 - (i) the source and amount of other funds that are being contributed towards the cost of the ministry
 - (ii) the proposed source of funding after the initial Grant.
 - (d) Applications shall be made through the Development Division who will confer with the Administration Division.
 - C. All funds received after 1 February, 1985 to be held and distributed on an amended basis to the criteria as follows:

That grants be available to support sector expressions of ministry, ordained or lay at Parish, District and Connexional level.

Normally, two-thirds of the funds to be applied in the District/Region where the funds were generated with one-third of the funds being applied on a connexional basis. Only in very exceptional circumstances will grants for regional developments exceed the funds contributed within the region.

- D. That the name of the Fund be changed to "Ministries Fund".
- E. (a) That in order to share the insights and learnings emerging from the development of new ministries supported initially by the Fund, the Development Division request a full report from the appropriate body.
- (b) That the Development Division distribute the reports (suitably edited) to District Synods.
- (NOTE: It is not envisaged that the reports would be tabled at Conference, though the Development Division will list each year in its report the specific projects that have received grants from the Fund.)
- F. In order to provide an ongoing assessment of the Fund, the Development and Administration Divisions undertake a review every five years and report on the review to Synods.

M. TOWARDS A RETIREMENT HOME

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Report be received.
2. The balance of the Ministers Retirement Housing Fund (\$150,000 Appeal monies) as at 1/2/1986 be paid into the Ministers Retirement Home Fund.
3. The Board report further to Synods and Conference 1985 on Retirement housing needs.

N. GENERAL

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Financial Statements for the following Funds administered by the Board of Administration be received and adopted:
 - (a) Board of Administration
 - (b) Church Building and Loan Fund
 - (c) Supernumerary Fund
 - (d) Lay Workers' Retiring Fund
 - (e) Supernumeraries Benevolent Fund
 - (f) Deferred Stipend
 - (g) Board of Administration Ministers Property Account
 - (h) General Purposes Trust Fund
 - (i) Presbyters, Deacons and Lay Workers Loan Fund
 - (j) Connexional Expenses Fund
 - (k) Removal Expenses Fund
 - (l) Board of Administration Insurance Account
 - (m) Connexional Fire Insurance Fund
 - (n) Connexional Budget
 - (o) Ministers Retirement Home Fund
 - (p) Ministers Retiring Housing Appeal Fund
2. The Board of Administration for 1985 be as printed in the Year Book on page 10.
3. That Rev. W.J. Morrison be sincerely thanked by the Conference for his assistance in the Connexional Office.

REVIEW COMMITTEE - ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

Report pp. 262-268

RESOLUTION:

1. The Report be received.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY TO CONFERENCE 1984

I report that I have received all audited Annual Accounts for the Financial Year ended since last Conference of the Boards and Funds under the Conference, with the exception of the following:

- (1) Education Division
- (2) Grey Institute Trust
- (3) Communications Account (FOCUS).

All audited accounts will be included in the Conference Journal.

I further report that those Financial Accounts listed as outstanding at last Conference have now been received and placed in the appropriate Journal.

QUESTION 55—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Investment Board?

INVESTMENT BOARD

Report p. 213

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Report be received.
2. The members of the Investment Board for 1985 be as printed in the Year Book on page 12.

QUESTION 56—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Methodist Trust Association?

METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION

Report pp. 210-212

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Report be received.
2. The Financial Statements be received and adopted.
3. The Board of the Methodist Trust Association for 1985 be as printed in the Year Book on page 12.

QUESTION 57—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Connexional Trusts?

ROBERT GIBSON TRUST

Report pp. 275-276

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Report be received.
2. (a) That the grants and bursaries for the 1984-85 year be made on the following basis:

Bursaries	\$35,000
Manaia (Robert Gibson Hall)	2,500
Child Care	6,000
Youth Work	16,500
Reserves	39,833
	<u>\$99,833</u>

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- (b) Conference notes with appreciation the funds available for

Bursaries, Child Care and Youth Work.

3. The Financial Statements for the year ended June 30th 1984 be received and adopted.
4. The Board for 1984-85 be as printed in the Year Book on page 12.

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST

Report pp. 215-216

RESOLUTION:

1. The Report be received.

KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE

Report p. 216

RESOLUTION:

1. The Report be received.

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST

Report pp. 213-214

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Report be received.
2. The Financial Statements be received and adopted.

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS

Report p. 217

RESOLUTION:

1. The Report be received.

METHODIST PROVIDENT SOCIETY LTD

Reports pp. 218-223

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Reports be received.
2. The surplus of \$7,049 be allocated:
 - (i) That in order to again recognise assistance given to the Society by Parishes each Synod be granted \$250 to be used within its District for the promotion and furtherance of Youth Ministries.
 - (ii) That in order to recognise the ongoing discussions and reflections on the role of women in the Methodist Church a grant of \$500 be made towards the cost of Women and Ministry Conference.
 - (iii) That a grant of \$1,275 be made to the New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship to assist in the funding of the writing of the history of the women's groups in the Methodist Church of New Zealand - this being part of the Women's Fellowship Special Objective 1984-85 dealing with the Bi-cultural Church.
 - (iv) That a grant of \$1,262 be made to each
 - (a) the Community of Women and Men in Church and Society

- to assist in the funding of Mrs June Gibson's ministry to the spouses of Presbyters and Deacons within the Connexion.
- (b) the Maori Division to assist in the funding of the cost of employing an Education Resource person.

QUESTION 58—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Connexional Budget?

CONNEXIONAL BUDGET

Reports pp. 55-57, 260-261, 287-290

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The Reports be received.
2. That any recommendations approved by Conference that require new fundings, include sufficient data so that they may be effectively referred to Synods to respond with comments to be forwarded to the Finance and Stewardship Committee meeting in April.
3. That the increase of the 1985/86 Connexional Budget over the 1984/85 figure as allocated to Parishes be decided by the Finance and Stewardship Committee in its April 1985 meeting and that the Committee takes into account
 - (a) the inflation rate for the period 1 April 1984 to 31 March 1985 as derived by the CPI, plus approx. 3%
 - (b) wage adjustments made before 31 March 1985, if any, and
 - (c) other relevant factors which are of sufficient known impact to warrant consideration, and
 - (d) the willingness of Parishes to contribute.

QUESTION 59—What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Stipends and allowances?

STIPENDS

Report pp. 241-242

RESOLUTIONS:

1. The present stipend of \$15,279 be adjusted by the C.P.I. movement of 1 April 1984 to 31 March 1985 with effect from the 1st July 1985.
2. If there is a General Wage Order between the passing of Resolution 1, and 1st July 1985, such order be applied also to stipends, but be taken into account in the adjustment of 1st July 1985.
3. The Board of Administration consider making stipend increases effective from the date they are announced, and that they be implemented within 6 weeks of such announcement.

QUESTION 60—Who is elected President of the Church for induction at next Conference?

Rev. Dr. Phyllis M Guthardt, M.A., Ph.D.

QUESTION 61—Have adequate arrangements been made for the President's supply?

Yes

QUESTION 62—Who is elected the President's Legal Adviser?

Mr G.H. Peak, LL.B.

QUESTION 63—Who is elected Vice-President for induction at next Conference?

Kenneth M. Fay

QUESTION 64—Who are elected as District Superintendents for the ensuing year?

The District Superintendents for 1985 are as printed in the Year Book on page 3.

QUESTION 65—Who are elected as Secretaries of Synods for the ensuing year?

The Secretaries of Synods for 1985 are as printed in the Year Book on page 4.

QUESTION 66—Who are elected as Financial Secretaries of Synods for the ensuing year?

The District Financial Secretaries for 1985 are as printed in the Year Book on pages 4 and 5.

QUESTION 67—Who are elected as Property Secretaries of Synods for the ensuing year?

The District Property Secretaries for 1985 are as printed in the Year Book on page 5.

QUESTION 68—Who are appointed as members of the following Standing Committees and their Conveners?

(a) Committee of Privileges:

To be appointed as required.

(b) Committee of Exigency:

To be appointed as required.

(c) Pastoral Committee:

The President, Ex-President, President-Elect, the Vice-President, Ex-Vice-President, Vice-President-Elect, General Secretary, Superintendent of the Development Division, Principal of the Theological College.

(d) President's Committee of Advice:

Rev's. K.J. Taylor, B.E. Jones, A.M. Thomas, G.M. McIver; Messrs. Murray Clark, Eric Heggie, Graham Brown, Mrs Helen Froude, Miss Erica Brodie. Additional to those named in the Law Book.

QUESTION 69—When and where shall the next Conference be held?

New Plymouth 2 to 8 November 1985

QUESTION 70—When shall the Annual Meeting of Synods be held?

Between 1 and 14 August 1985.

QUESTION 71—(a) What is God saying to us now?

(b) What more can be done to promote the work of God?

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That with an awareness of the significant moves taken by Conference towards Methodism becoming a Bi-cultural Church, we encourage Conference to demonstrate in its own lifestyle and process, and those of the Connexion, some of the meanings this may have for the Church.
2. That this be referred to the President-Elect and the General Secretary for action at Conference 1985.

ADDITIONAL RESOLUTIONS:

1. (a) That Conference extends greetings through the President to the Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia at its meeting in May 1985.
(b) That Conference extends an invitation to officers of the Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia to visit New Zealand.
2. That Christian Action be invited to re-submit to the Methodist Church its request for endorsement and funding, giving particular attention to -
 - (a) its aims and objectives
 - (b) who are the beneficiaries of its work
 - (c) its accountability
 - (d) the source and rationale of funding.
3. Recognising the unacceptability of the term "Parish" among Maori, Fijian, Tongan and Samoan members, the Development Division be requested to consult with the Maori Division, Fijian Advisory Committee, Samoan Policy Committee, Tongan Advisory Committee with a view to having the title "Circuit" an approved descriptive term within the Methodist Church of New Zealand.
4. Given the clear intention of Conference over recent years in respect of representative membership of Conference, Divisional, and all the Committees, Conference authorises the District Superintendents to take all reasonable steps to ensure that such Committees within their Districts comply with the Church's policy.

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